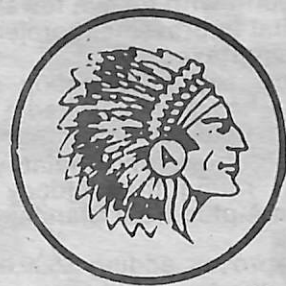


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Recognition From Agawam Chamber Of Commerce...



AT THE VETERANS' GREEN on Saturday, August 7th, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce presented recognition awards. IN LEFT PHOTO (from left to right): Richard Bellico, vice-president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce; Nancy Marsh, Lily of the Valley flower shop; Mariann Bishop, owner of Lily of the Valley; Joann McGeoghan, a representative of Berkshire Power; Jack Devine, photographer of "The Agawam Advertiser News"; Linda Northup-Vitro, president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce; and Donald Rheault, president of The Message On Hold Network of New England, Inc.



JACK DEVINE (center), who is retiring from "The Agawam Advertiser News," was recognized by the Agawam Chamber of Commerce for his years of service and "photographic coverage" on behalf of the chamber. Congratulating Jack on behalf of the Chamber are Richard Bellico and Linda Northup-Vitro.

Some \$\$\$ Will Need To Come From Fundraising...

Agawam Library Expansion Grant Included In State Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

After working for more than 10 years to lay the groundwork for expanding the Agawam Public Library, Library Director Donna Campbell expects to have a substantial part of the design phase of the library expansion project completed within the next year and library patrons could see the more than long overdue sight of construction crews working on-site next year.

In 1996 the town applied for and was awarded a \$1.8 million grant from the state to cover one-third of the cost of expanding the library to more than twice its present size. But, the expansion project has been in limbo for the last three years waiting for the funding to be included in the state budget.

Last week, town officials learned that the long-awaited funding was incorporated into the supplemental budget approved by the state legislature and signed by Governor A. Paul Cellucci. The library expansion project will begin quickly once the money filters down through the Board of Library Commissioners, according to Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.

"My guess is that the addition should be under

construction next year," Johnson said. "We already have a preliminary design and the council already authorized the town portion of the costs of the expansion project. So, the first step will be getting a final design and then see where we are in terms of the cost estimates."

Describing the present facilities as "grossly inadequate for a town our size," Ms. Campbell said the state funds mean the town will be getting greatly improved library services.

"We're going to have a wonderful children's department," Ms. Campbell said. "Right now, our children's department is a total disgrace for a town this size."

The preliminary design prepared by the architectural firm Galliher, Baier and Best shows more seating for library patrons, an area set aside for children's programming, a children's bathroom with changing area, a young adult area for students to work in, an elevator to make the building handicap accessible, expanded research and study areas, and 65 additional parking places.

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Candidates Certified By Town Clerk

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Within hours of receiving the nomination papers submitted by two candidates in the School Committee race, Town Clerk Richard Theroux announced the certification of four mayoral candidates, 18 Town Council candidates, and 10 School Committee candidates.

Handing in the required signatures of 100 registered voters nominating them for the School Committee race on the last day of eligibility, former mayoral candidate Karl Stieg and former AHS boys' basketball coach Michael Martin were fortunate his office was able to complete the work of certifying the signatures before the 5:00 p.m. deadline last Tuesday, Theroux said.

"Luckily, we were able to get them certified, but I don't recommend that candidates do that," Theroux said. "If we had found signatures that couldn't be certified, there would not have been time for the candidates to turn in more signatures in time to be on the ballot."

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LIBRARY - from Page 1...**Two-Story Addition**

The plan for renovation and expansion calls for a two-story addition to the front of the existing building. The addition will be cut into the existing slope so that the first floor of the addition will connect to the basement of the library and the second floor of the addition will connect to the existing first floor of the building.

Johnson said Ms. Campbell agreed that the original cost estimates are now five years out-of-date and will need to be revised. When the grant application was approved by Town Council in 1995, the preliminary cost estimate for the project was set at \$4.5 million, but Ms. Campbell expects the project will cost more than \$5 million.

And some of that money will have to come from fundraising in the community. According to the terms of the state grant, Ms. Campbell must raise \$220,000 from the community in order to demonstrate a broad base of support for the project.

"Obviously, we're not going to be able to raise such a substantial amount of money by running

bake sales," Ms. Campbell said. "I'm hoping the business community will come through with substantial donations and will serve as the leaders in the fundraising effort. And we're going to need the widespread support of the community to raise that much money."

Built in 1979 with a federal grant, the present library is 15,000 square feet and is 80 percent of the size originally called for. The size of the library was reduced to correspond with a reduction in the grant during the design phase of the project.

The proposed 18,600 square-foot addition will more than double the space at the library.

Ms. Campbell said the circulation at the library is up more than 200 percent over the circulation rate in 1986 and that Agawam's per capita circulation rate is 65 percent higher than the state average.

Very Busy Library

"We're mobbed," Ms. Campbell said. "Our library is very busy. I've been educating the public of our needs and have had the studies done that were necessary in order to get the grant funds. This has been a long-term process going back to 1987."

Johnson said his plan to beef up the town's

stabilization fund by an additional \$500,000 (as proposed in his supplemental budget) was partly predicated on the belief that the governor would be signing the legislation that included the library funds for the Agawam project. The \$850,000 supplemental budget proposal will come before Town Council at its September 7th meeting.

Johnson said he has been working steadily to build up the stabilization fund (essentially the town's rainy day account) with an eye toward using the funds for capital improvement projects in order to avoid increasing taxes.

Also, by increasing the stabilization fund, Johnson said the town has demonstrated a commitment to the sound fiscal policies that have allowed the town to improve and maintain its bond rating to an A1 rating from Moody's Investors Service and an A-plus from Standard and Poor's.

If Town Council approves adding \$500,000 to the stabilization fund, the town will have approximately \$2.5 million to draw on during the initial years of temporary and permanent borrowing for the proposed capital improvements at the library, at the Senior Center, and for a new DPW facility, Johnson said.

CANDIDATES - from Page 1...

With four candidates nominated for the office, a preliminary mayoral election will be held on Tuesday, October 5th. Because there are less than twice as many candidates for the number of available seats, a preliminary election is not needed in either the School Committee or the Town Council race.

Theroux said the mayoral primary will cost the town \$6,000, the same cost as the general election on November 2nd. The last day to register to vote in the primary is September 15th and absentee ballots can be obtained in person at the Clerk's Office or through the mail. Voters who intend to mail their completed absentee ballots to the Clerk's Office should send them in plenty of time to arrive by October 5th, Theroux said.

The last day for filing withdrawals of or objections to nominations for the preliminary election is 5:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office on Thursday, September 2nd.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES - 1999

Donald M. Rheault, 536 Mill Street, Feeding Hills.

Abraham Kasparian, Jr., 161 School Street, Agawam.

Nancy E. Thompson, 19A Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam.

Richard A. Cohen, 47 Alexander Drive, Agawam.

COUNCIL CANDIDATES - 1999

Robert M. Young, 216 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Anthony C. Bonavita, 683 Cooper Street, Agawam.

John F. Negrucci, 35 Hayes Ave., Feeding Hills.

Robert A. Magovern, 144 Birch Hill Road, Agawam.

Joseph Mineo, 30 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills.

Gary F. Geiger, 33 Zachary Lane, Agawam.

Stanley J. Chmielewski, 88 Plantation Drive, Agawam.

Dennis J. Perry, 466 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

Kent Servis, 48 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills.

Walter A. Meissner, Jr., 655 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Edward A. Caba, 198 Walnut Street, Agawam.

Michael J. DeNegro, 28 Losito Lane, Agawam.

Jill Simpson, 24 Pleasant Valley Road, Feeding Hills.

Richard C. Morassi, 206 Maynard Street, Agawam.

Robert E. Rossi, 44 Colemore Street, Feeding Hills.

Gina M. Letellier, 150 Maple Street, Agawam.

George Bitzas, 33 Fernwood Drive, Agawam.

Louis Russo, 76 Highland Street, Feeding Hills.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES - 1999

Susan A. Pettazzoni, 116 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills.

Linda M. Galarneau, 24 Sycamore Terrace, Agawam.

Teresa Kozloski, 102 Meadow Street, Agawam.

Roberta Doering, 915 River Road, Agawam.

Rosemary Sandlin, 90 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills.

Susan R. Dawson, 21 Alexander Drive, Agawam.

Louis E. Massoia, Jr., 6 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills.

Melissa A. Fraga, 52 Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

Mike Martin, 35 Anvil Street, Feeding Hills.

Karl Stieg, 24 Edgewood Lane, Agawam.

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Letters To The Editor

S. Koufax Baseball Team Thanks Riverside Park

To The Editor:

On behalf of the coaches and players of the Agawam-Riverside Sandy Koufax baseball team, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to Riverside Park for their generosity and support during the 1999 season.

Riverside's sponsorship afforded area teens an experience that they will cherish for a lifetime. In addition to winning the John L. Sullivan league and playoff championships, our team won the Sandy Koufax State Tournament, which earned us a berth in the Northeast Regional Tournament in Washington Township, New Jersey. What an honor! What an experience!

Beyond the obvious success our team enjoyed on the playing field, Riverside's sponsorship also provided many other benefits. Families spent time together, lifetime friendships were made, and a community became a little closer in support of "their" team. Additionally, players learned the value of discipline, teamwork, sacrifice, and perseverance.

Again, a special thanks to General Manager Tim Black and Director of Marketing Ron Sevart and Riverside Park for their generosity and support of the youth in our community.

Sincerely,
Brian Rheault
Coach, Agawam-Riverside Sandy Koufax

Let's Have An Even Playing Field In The Mayoral Race

To The Editor:

I contend that it should be a city policy requirement for a copy of the budget to be given to each qualified candidate for mayor. At the present time, there is an inequity in that some of the candidates in this race have in their possession a copy of the budget for their use as elected officials. This has also been true in past mayoral races.

It is important that each candidate be as familiar as they can be with the budget, as that is one of the primary functions of the mayor's office. It is true that any person can review the budget at the library or the City Clerk's office; however, if a person is running for the office of mayor, he or she will need more than a cursory review of the budget in determining the fiscal status of the city.

More specifically, in the 1999 race for mayor, two of the candidates presently hold positions on the City Council. This position affords these candidates the luxury of leisurely perusal of the budget in the comforts of their home, thereby giving them an unbalanced advantage over the other candidates in their quest for the corner office on Main Street.

I made my concerns known at the August 2nd City Council meeting wherein I asked for the consideration of the Council to approve supplying all qualified candidates in the upcoming race for mayor a copy of the budget. It is my hope that the City Council will see the benefit of having all candidates be fully informed for an even playing field in their quest for the position of mayor.

Mayoral candidate
Abe Kasparian
161 School Street
789-4406

Reaction To Councilor Thompson's Voting Record

To The Editor:

Mayoral candidate and City Councilor Nancy Thompson has made some extraordinary claims on her website. I'm here to set the record straight.

* "I voted for the acquisition of the Tuckahoe Turf Farm..."

Councilor Thompson, in the process, won our Town a hefty lawsuit as the taking of these parcels was in violation of developer DePalma's own property rights.

* "I co-authored the Adult Zoning Ordinance..."

What was authored was a toothless waste of the City Council's time as pornography continues to be sold near Town elementary schools and even Town churches, continues to grow within our Town (in however concentrated an area), has been acutely guaranteed new growth within certain

areas, and is certain to be located near families no matter where porn outlets may be. The thought of a civil remedy did not occur to her.

* "Business and industry development here in Agawam have had my consistent support as exemplified by my votes of support for Berkshire Power..."

Councilor Thompson consistently voted several times against a referendum on the question, employed dilatory parliamentary procedures to prevent everyday citizens from bringing a referendum to the table. Berkshire supporters even picketed several neighborhood small businesses, calling her support for "business ... development" into question as she never once rose to those small businesses' defense. She was SO supportive of the Berkshire Power plant, in fact, that she has seemed more than happy to see the Town ill-represented in court, unquestionably supportive of Berkshire Power lawsuits against our Town, in no way disconcerted by the violations of our zoning laws, and in no way concerned about the lack of an adequate evacuation plan for surrounding homes and businesses.

* "I served on the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee to work with Riverside Park representatives to deal with the developmental and traffic issues that occurred with the tremendous growth of the Park. These issues have been resolved..."

It is far too soon to say that these issues have been resolved, as traffic tie-ups on Main Street continue to remain an issue while the Park continues its rapid expansion.

* "As Agawam's next Mayor, I will ensure COMMITMENT to: ...Promoting BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL GROWTH that is healthy for all of Agawam."

Yet, at least so far, Councilor Thompson has supported RECKLESS growth with little or poor public planning.

Have a nice day.

Sincerely yours,
Owen R. Broadhurst
Agawam

Thank-You For Supporting Summer Reading Program

To The Editor:

Dear Friends:

It has been another great year for the families who participated in the Agawam Library's Summer Reading Program. More than 1,000 kids spent the past eight weeks reading—or being read to almost every day!

We congratulate the children, parents, and

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You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, September 7th, 1999 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Western Mass. Electric Company dated July 21, 1999 for permission to: customer at 777 Silver St. is building a new two car garage. 2 joint poles need to be relocated in order to provide service in the ways or parts of

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

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Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Ronald A. Hebert
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Political Newcomer Enters Race..

Richard A. Cohen To Run For Mayor

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Just when political insiders were beginning to handicap the mayoral race between the current and former Town Council presidents, a political newcomer is complicating the equations as an alternative candidate to what he called "old politics."

Making his first run at elective office, Richard A. Cohen, 47 Alexander Drive, Agawam, calls himself "the alternative to old politics, the new choice." Although Cohen has worked on the political campaigns of Raymond DiPasquale and U.S. Representative Richard Neal, he is not politically connected to anyone in Agawam and he means to keep it that way.

Cohen said he is not looking for traditional political endorsements, preferring to rely on a strong core group of supporters and his own merits to convince voters that he will lead the city the way people want it to be led. His three favorite words to describe the approach he will take from his professional life as an administrator at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) into the mayor's office are fair, consistent, and thorough.

"It's always the same names on the ballot and I think others have done a good job, but change is healthy. We need change and I will be like a transfusion of fresh blood," Cohen said.

After Careful Consideration

The decision to run for mayor was not made overnight, but has been something he's been considering for quite some time. After Mayor Christopher C. Johnson announced he would not seek a sixth term, Cohen said he started to think more seriously about running for the office. After looking over the field of candidates and listening to people saying it was time for a change, time for new faces and new ideas, he launched his alternative candidate campaign, Cohen said.

An 11-year Agawam resident, Cohen is a 1983 graduate of Springfield College. Since 1985, he has worked at STCC and is currently the Veterans' Affairs administrator in the School of Continuing Education where his duties include fiscal management, academic counseling, staffing, and facilities coordination.

Before joining the STCC administration, Cohen worked as a long-term substitute teacher in the Longmeadow School Department from 1983 to 1985.

Cohen identifies education as his top priority and believes that a first-rate education system is essential in attracting new families. Addressing the shortcomings contained in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation report of Agawam High School, raising standards and bringing SAT scores up are among the education issues facing the School Committee and the next mayor as the committee's chairman, Cohen said.

"I believe things need to be done to improve the School Department and the High School, especially with the accreditation report," Cohen said. "This is a beautiful community with beautiful homes being built and the need to attract people based on the education system is so important. We need to improve the public's image of the school system."

While he wonders if having the mayor serve as the seventh member and chairman of the School Committee is a good idea, Cohen says he will see that the committee members do their jobs without being a strong-arm or a micromanager.

"I think if you're going to have town officials elected and paid to do a job, they should be held accountable. People don't mind paying for services if they're getting value for their money," Cohen said. "But, people also want the best for the least amount of money and that's only natural."

Besides making improvements in public education, Cohen wants to move forward with a new DPW facility, establish more intergenerational programming in the Park & Recreation Department, and look into creating a boys' and girls' club that will provide recreational activities for young people and coordinate programs with the Senior Center to offer opportunities for young people and senior citizens to get together.

In organizing his campaign committee, Cohen plans to bring people of all ages and interests together to ensure that every group will be com-

fortable and will feel represented in the campaign. Cohen believes in an open door policy and he wants people to feel comfortable approaching him with their concerns and their ideas.

"This is not a fly-by-night campaign," Cohen said. "I'm putting together a group of good citizens and families to help me. I need people with a vested interest in the town. I'm looking for a mix of young people and seniors with good values and I've already had many people calling me to say it's nice to have an alternative, a good positive choice."

Can't Please All The People All The Time

A pragmatist who realizes that no one can please everyone all of the time, Cohen said people have a right to expect to be listened to by their elected officials. Working with veterans and counseling students of all ages has helped him develop the skill of listening to what people are trying to say rather than just what they are saying, a skill Cohen plans to bring to the mayor's office.

"I want to make my campaign a clear representation of the entire community and I want to be sure everyone has their say," Cohen said. "I want to be the people's mayor. The way I approach people is with my father's advice in mind. He said, 'If you can't help someone, don't hurt them.' That's what I want to do for the town."

Another major issue, brought to Cohen's attention by town employees, is getting the best health insurance coverage at the least cost to both the employees and taxpayers without sacrificing the quality of the coverage.

Along the campaign trail, Cohen is willing to face his opponents in a debate on the issues and on philosophies as long as the debate is kept on a friendly level and focuses on the issues rather than on judging people's character.

In addition to participating in debates, Cohen will take his campaign door-to-door and will hold a number of coffee hours. People can also call him at home at 789-4566 to discuss the issues and he plans to continue "meeting and greeting" the public at shopping centers and restaurants across town as the campaign progresses.

Cohen is the twin brother of Agawam High School Guidance Counselor Alan Cohen.

Bonavita Committee Schedules Meeting

As campaign chairman for Anthony C. Bonavita's City Council race in Agawam, John O'Brien has announced that Bonavita's committee will meet on August 22nd.

O'Brien stated, "We have been organizing through the summer and on August 22nd, the committee will meet to review its campaign activities for September. We believe Anthony will be

a great asset to our community as a city councilor.

"Many people have discussed issues with Anthony and voiced their support. He is running a positive campaign, listening to the concerns of the voters."

Along with O'Brien, other members of Bonavita's committee are Adele Bonavita

(treasurer), Raymond Scott, Marie Kellogg, Mark McCormick, Paul Frasco, Elaine O'Brien, Edward Kellogg, and Ronald Jean.

He concluded, "Therefore, we invite those people who want to support Anthony to our meeting. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 22nd at Anthony and Adele's home at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam."

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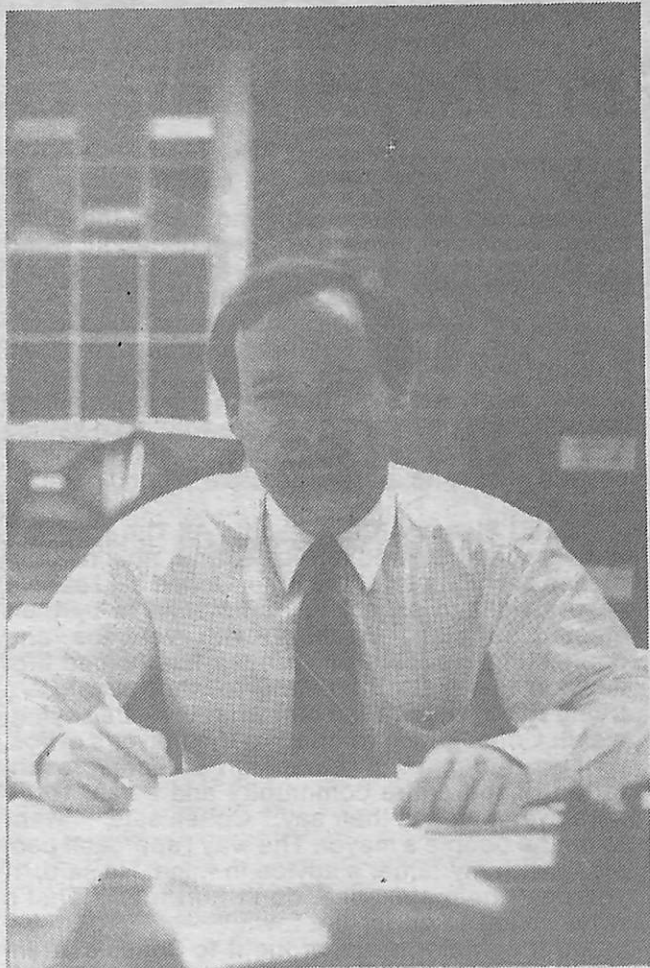
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RICHARD A. COHEN

Richard A. Cohen To Run For Mayor

Richard A. Cohen has announced his candidacy for the Office of Mayor of Agawam.

Cohen is an 11-year resident of Agawam and takes great pride in both his community and civic responsibility. He is a lifelong resident of Western Massachusetts and earned a college degree from Springfield College, where he studied psychology and community service, graduating in 1983.

Cohen is presently employed at Springfield Technical Community College in the School of Continuing Education as the Veterans' Affairs administrator. In the School of Continuing Education, he is also responsible for fiscal management, academic counseling, staffing, and facilities coordination. He has been at STCC since 1985.

From 1983 to 1985, Cohen was employed by the Longmeadow School Department as a long-term substitute teacher.

Cohen is confident that his fellow citizens of Agawam will receive the quality leadership that they deserve and expect. He can be reached for further comment at (413) 789-4566.

"THE ALTERNATIVE TO OLD POLITICS — VOTE RICH COHEN, THE NEW CHOICE."

Kasparian Opens His Campaign Headquarters

Mayoral candidate Abe Kasparian announces the opening of his campaign headquarters. In what might appear to be an unconventional place to have a campaign headquarters, candidate Kasparian invites the citizens of Agawam to his home on School Street.

This move by Kasparian demonstrates his commitment to full-time service to the community. His willingness to open up his home to the voters of the city, known as the Town of Agawam, is partly so the voters have a chance to see the person as well as the candidate.

It is also due in part to Kasparian's wish to minimize the need for campaign contributions, thereby letting his supporters invest in their own families, rather than the rent of a temporary headquarters for a mayoral candidate.

This approach has not been displayed by candidates in the past, but reflects Kasparian's ideals of open, and fiscally responsible government.

A Democrat who is a fiscal conservative, and a social liberal, Kasparian welcomes supporters to call on him at his home at 161 School Street, Agawam, or to call at 789-4406.

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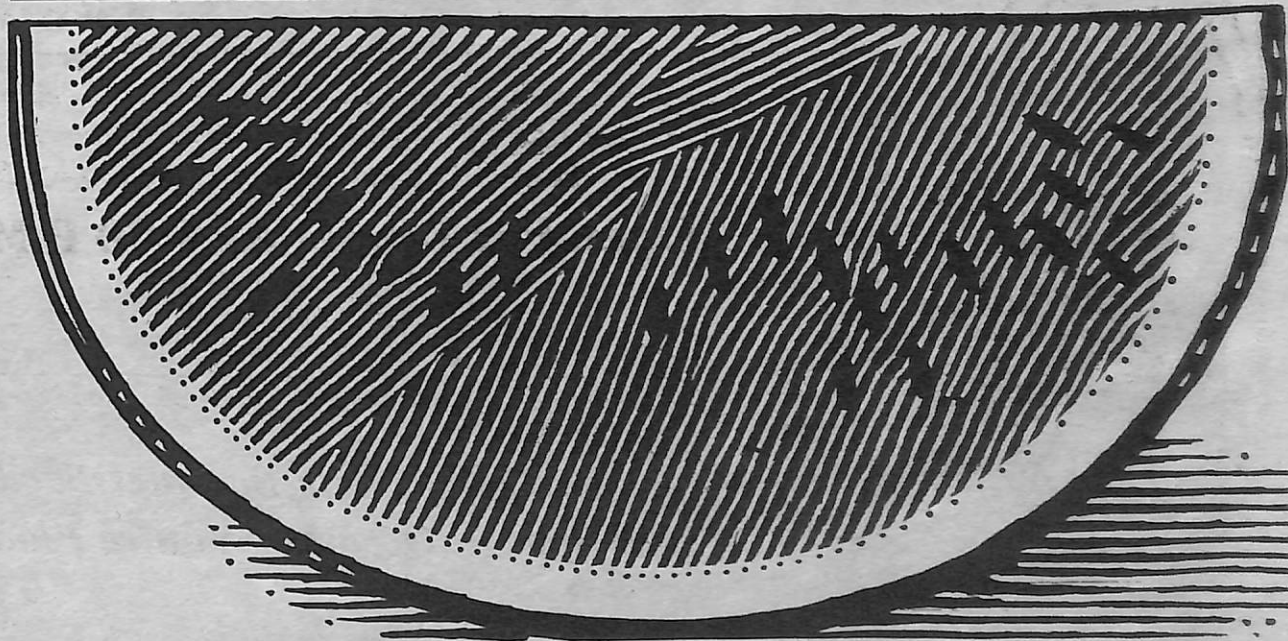


ABE KASPARIAN, candidate for Mayor of Agawam, invites the voters to his home, which doubles as his campaign headquarters (which he opened on August 17th). Come sit with Abe and chat about the future of Agawam.

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Regular School Committee Meeting

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street
Tuesday, August 24, 1999 - 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education.
7. Old Business:
8. Business Meeting
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports
9. New Business:

SCR99-34: Request for Placement of Foreign Exchange Student

SCR99-35: Appropriation of 1999 Summer School Funds to Purchase a Carbon Monoxide Monitor, Accessories and Educational Materials

- 10. Policy Review:

Third Readings (Policy Revisions): (Tabled from 6/22/99)

 - a. FF "Naming Facilities"
 - b. KJA "Relations with Booster Organizations"
- 11. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
- 12. Adjournment.

Tribute For Mayor Friday, October 1st

A tribute will be held for Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on Friday, October 1st starting at 6:00 p.m. at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The event is to celebrate the 10 years of service that Mayor Johnson has given to the Town of Agawam.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the committee: Robert Danie, Scott Hibbert, Ronald Lariviere, Rita Moore, and Ray Wyckoff or by contacting Ray Wyckoff at 64 Rosie Lane, Agawam, MA 01001.

Tickets will be limited, so the committee would advise anyone who plans to attend this event, purchase their tickets early.

Revaluation Figures On Property Values On Display Next Week

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Every three years, Massachusetts towns undergo a full revaluation of all commercial and residential property values. Next week, the results of the latest revaluation will be available for town residents to examine at three locations: the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street, the Agawam Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor, and the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall on Main Street.

Assessor Chester Nicora said a book of the preliminary valuations will be on display at those locations during regular business hours from Monday, August 23rd, through Friday, August 27th.

"Any resident who has a concern with the FY 2000 preliminary valuation can address their concerns in writing to the Agawam Assessor's Office at 36 Main Street," Nicora said. "We have to give the public access to the records and people will find some minimal increases due to land value increases. But, most values will be the same as last year."

As part of the revaluation effort, personnel from the Assessor's Office have been out in the field canvassing every property from the outside and doing some inside inspections as well to determine the latest property values. As required by the dictates of Proposition 2½, all properties must be assessed at 100 percent valuation every three years.

Also as part of the three-year revaluation process, the work done by the Agawam Assessor's Office is overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) so that the results of the revaluation can be certified and a property tax rate set for each community.

According to Nicora, representatives of the

Bureau of Local Assessments of the DOR are currently reviewing the town's assessment records through field inspections and through analysis of the statistical data included in the preliminary valuations (to determine if the values set by his office fall within the DOR guidelines).

"... Everything Looks Good ..."

"At this point, the DOR team has indicated that everything looks good and we're hoping to have our certification by mid-August. The certification means the state has accepted all our values as being within DOR guidelines and that the inspectors didn't find any mistakes in our residential and commercial property values after a complete review of everything."

In the event that the DOR finds any reason to hold up the certification of the property values, the town will be unable to set the new property tax rate until whatever problem uncovered by the inspectors has been corrected. In that case, the town would be forced to send our preliminary tax bills, but that hasn't happened in the seven years he has served as the town's assessor, Nicora said.

And he doesn't see a reason for that to happen this year, either. "I think we're in good shape," Nicora said. "My staff has been working hard at this."

One of the methods used by state inspectors to review the assessor is to compare sales records for consistency in valuations as compared to selling prices for certain types of sales within Agawam. If a typical cape home sells for a certain amount, all similar capes should be within a certain percentage of that selling price to meet state guidelines, Nicora said.

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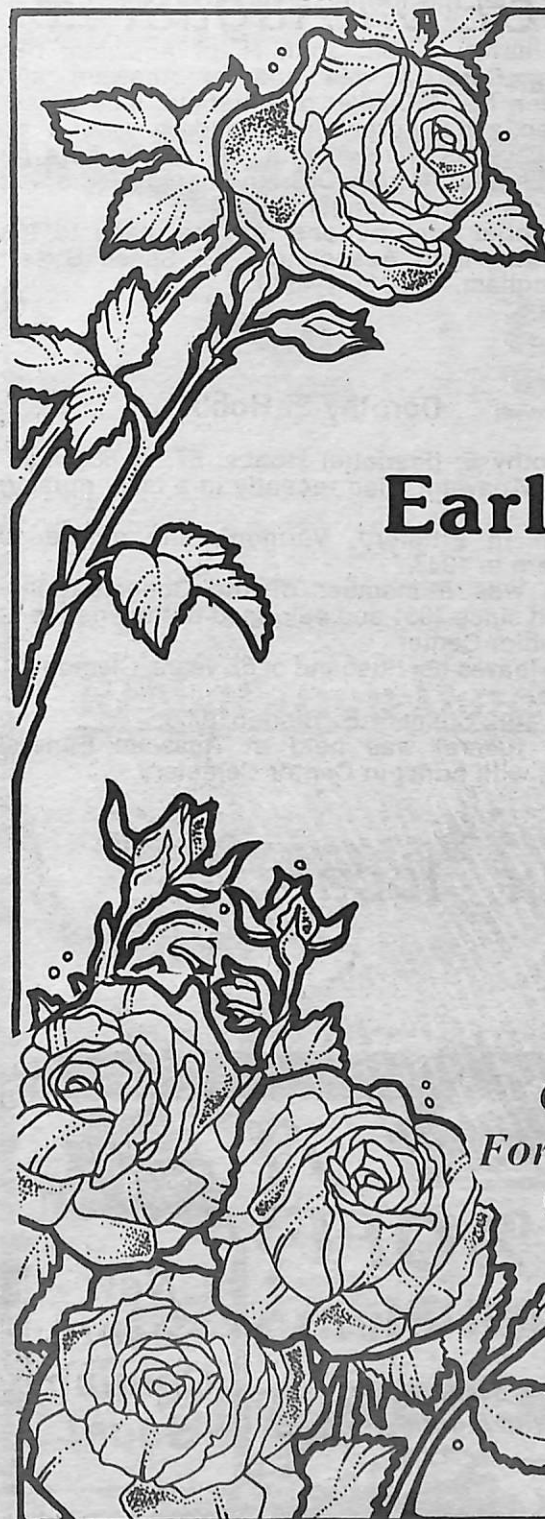
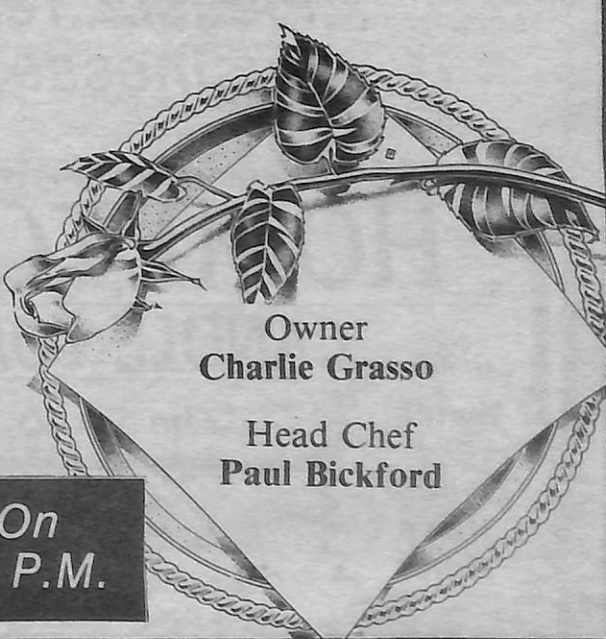
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— Agawam Obituaries —



Kenneth E. LaFountaine

Kenneth E. LaFountaine, 77, of 528 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, and 22 Dion Grove Road, Harrisville, New Hampshire, died recently in Exeter (New Hampshire) Hospital.

He worked at Hamilton Standard for 32 years, retiring as lead man in 1988.

Born in Suffield, Connecticut, he lived in Feeding Hills since 1948 and in Harrisville since 1988.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the African and Italian campaigns as a member of the 361st Infantry, 91st Division, 3rd Battalion Headquarters. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Presidential Citation.

He was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a life member of the VFW in Keene, New Hampshire, a member of the Hamilton Standard Retirees Club, and the Agawam Golden Agers.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Margaret Reddin; a son, Kenneth E. Jr. of Westfield; a daughter, Janet Campbell of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; a brother, Thomas of Kentucky; a sister, Dorothy Staszko of Suffield; and a grandson.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, P.O. Box 61210, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1210, or to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Douglas Daubney

Douglas Daubney, 65, of 60 Forest Rd., Agawam, died Saturday, August 14, 1999 at Mercy Hospital.

Born in Whitinsville, Mass., he grew up in Springfield and has lived in Agawam for 38 years.

He was employed for the last nine years at Tell Tool Co. in Westfield in Quality Control division. Previously, he was employed at Precision Products of Springfield as the assistant plant manager for 20 years.

Mr. Daubney was an avid golfer and a former member of the Agawam Housing Authority. He graduated from the former Technical High School in Springfield and Western New England College, class of 1964, with a degree in mechanical engineering and was a 1970 graduate with his master's in Business Administration. He also served his country in the United States Army.

He leaves his wife, Patricia E. (Lenker)

Daubney; a daughter, Jennifer Pavlik of Dover, New Hampshire; his mother, Eunice (Dolliver) Daubney of Feeding Hills; a brother, Henry Daubney of Springfield; and two sisters, Lynda Hyatt of Springfield and Barbara Salem of Woronoco, Mass.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, officiated by the Rev. Leonard Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church. Burial followed at Agawam Center Cemetery. Visiting hours were held Monday evening.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Fire Dept., Main St., Agawam 01001 or to the Agawam Veterans' Honor Roll Project, c/o Dept. of Veterans' Services, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Kathryn Ann Manley

On Tuesday, August 10th, Kathryn Ann (Taylor) Manley, 49, of Feeding Hills, died at home.

Born in Springfield, she was raised in Agawam and had lived in Hollywood, Florida, for seven years before resettling to Feeding Hills.

She was an office administrator at the First Baptist Church of Agawam for several years and was actively involved in foster parenting for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Donald Manley; two sons, Donald L. Manley and Aaron M. Manley at home; her parents, Richard Taylor and Shirley (Morse) Taylor of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Richard H. Taylor of Southwick and Lawrence M. Taylor of Feeding Hills; and a sister, Gail E. Gamache of Feeding Hills.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 14th, at the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. Burial was at the convenience of the family.

Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, 21 Tinkham Road, Springfield, was in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Manley Family Fund, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Stella A. Rendowski

Stella A. (Boduch) Rendowski, 82, of Upland Street, Springfield, a retired 20-year employee at St. Luke's Home in Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

She retired in 1962.

Born in Wilbraham, she lived in Springfield most of her life and was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

She previously worked at Ludlow Mills.

Her husband, John Rendowski, died in 1991.

She leaves two daughters, Adele P. Kratovil of Agawam and Jennie A. Stebbins of Ludlow; three brothers, Walter of Suffield, Cazimess of Ludlow, and Stanley of South Carolina; two sisters, Marion Leggio of Florida and Jennie Ference of Texas; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Kathleen A. Cosgrove

Kathleen A. (Lessard) Cosgrove, 47, of Barbara Lane, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a hairdresser for Hair Razors in Westfield and at other area salons.

Born in Springfield, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills and a lifelong area resident.

She leaves her husband, John B. Cosgrove; a son, Christopher of West Springfield; a daughter, Brie Cosgrove of Charlestown; and a sister, Kenna Symington of South Hadley.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the New England Medical Center Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, 750 Washington Street, Box 231, Boston, MA 02111.

Viola K. Daigneau

Viola K. (Marcinczyk) Daigneau, 77, of Pheasant Hill Drive in Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a retired employee of the former Buxton Leather Co.

Born in Clinton, she lived in Webster before moving to the Agawam/Feeding Hills area 40 years ago.

She leaves her husband of 54 years, Earl D. Daigneau; two sons, Frank J. of Springfield and Robert E. of Crown Point, Indiana; a daughter, Sandra L. Bates of Webster; and a brother, Henry Marcinczyk, also of Webster; three sisters, Anita Cihowski and Stasia Gontowski of Dudley, and Helen Roberts of San Diego, California; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Raymond L. Geoffrion

Raymond L. Geoffrion, 88, of 51 Maple Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a heating engineer at Monsanto for 30 years, retiring in 1973.

Born in Agawam, he lived in Port Charlotte, Florida, and moved back to Agawam last year.

He was a member of the Agawam Senior Center.

His wife, the former Elenore Dubois, died in 1986.

He leaves a son, John R. of Agawam; two sisters, Carol A. Macleod of Agawam and Kathleen M. McCusker of Pittsfield; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

All services were private, and there were no calling hours. Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01761-4680.

Dorothy E. Hobbs

Dorothy E. (Fredette) Hobbs, 87, of 886 Main Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Pittsford, Vermont, she moved to Agawam in 1948.

She was a member of the Congregational Church since 1951 and belonged to the Friends of the Senior Center.

She leaves her husband of 68 years, Clement G. Hobbs.

Her son, Clement B., died in 1955.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Center Cemetery.

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Thank-You, Chamber Of Commerce...



ON BEHALF OF THE Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President Richard Bellico and President Linda Northup-Vitro presented "Small Business Recognition Awards" on Saturday, August 7th, on the Veterans' Green. From left to right: Bellico, Nancy Marsh (Lily of the Valley flower shop), Mariann Bishop (owner of Lily of the Valley), Joann McGeoghan (a representative of Berkshire Power), Northup-Vitro, and Donald Rheault (president of The Message On Hold Network of New England, Inc.). This presentation was held during a performance by the Sean Altman Band, which was sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 237

A REMINDER — The Agawam Veterans' Council Golf Tournament is being held this Saturday, August 21st, at Saint Ann's Country Club to raise funds for the Agawam Honor Roll to be built on Veterans' Green.

The cost is \$65, which includes greens fee, cart, door prize, raffle ticket, and a buffet dinner at the end. There will be free ice cream on the course, as well as the opportunity to win cash, trips, and a new car.

You can purchase your tickets at the Veterans' Services office at Agawam Town Hall. We need all the help we can get if the Honor Roll is to go up next year.

(I'd really hate to see it postponed for another year. We worked really hard to see this project for the town become a reality.)

U.S. TO HONOR STEVEN SPIELBERG

Filmmaker Steven Spielberg will be given the Pentagon's Public Service Award primarily for his movie, 'Saving Private Ryan.' Defense Secretary William Cohen feels the film helped increase national understanding of the contribution that our military has made to our nation's security and character," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

He said Cohen would present the award to Spielberg at a Pentagon ceremony.

"It's for encouraging a national dialogue about World War II," Bacon continued. "It opened up, I think, a dialogue about what happened in the Normandy invasion and in World War II generally."

Spielberg also was to receive a humanitarian award from the Smithsonian Associates.

The Oscar-winning director is very interested in "Operation Recognition." He sent a beautiful letter to the town of Gardner, MA, and a copy of "Saving Private Ryan" to each of the World War II veterans as they received their high school diplomas at the ceremony held at Gardner High School. This program is now going nationwide.

Agawam High School plans to participate in "Operation Recognition." If you are a World War II veteran or you know of a World War II veteran who attended Agawam High School and left school to join the service, or left school and later served in World War II, please pick up an application for project "Operation Recognition" at the Veterans' Services office at Agawam Town Hall.

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At Outdoor Ceremony...

Heritage Hall West Designated As An Eden Alternative Site

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

On the sunny morning of Monday, August 9th, Heritage Hall West on Cooper Street in Agawam was designated an Eden Alternative facility. Susan Berta, the regional coordinator for the Eden Alternative, presented a circular wooden plaque to Kim George, the state representative for Massachusetts for the Eden Alternative, at an outdoor ceremony in the Friendship Garden of Heritage Hall West.

Berta spoke briefly to the residents and staff who gathered in the Friendship Garden for the presentation. "Something is needed other than institutional ways of care. We need to find ways that are more human and more powerful."

Kim George, coordinator of Volunteer Services and Eden Alternative Educator for Genesis Elder-care, told those present, "This is just the beginning of our journey." George, Director Bill Stafford, and Maureen Ellis, director of Nursing, have been working to generate the atmosphere and spark of an Eden Alternative facility for close to two years, and their efforts are bearing fruit.

A Noticeable Difference

The difference can be noticed, starting with the fish tanks, cats, and birds in evidence. The faces of the residents look more content and alert; the staff members seem enthused about their work; and the beauty of the Friendship Garden epitomizes the goal of this Eden Alternative facility.

Stafford spoke to the gathering, thanking Kim George, Maureen Ellis, the staff, and the residents themselves, who have dedicated their efforts toward making the philosophy work. Ellis has been dedicated to staff coordination, which has been invaluable in the conception and creation of Friendship Garden, and George has been unfailing in her energies to coordinate activities and connections to the community, which enhance the lives of residents and those who share friendships with them.

Other staff members were called to speak at the gathering, including Islou Tanko, who came to the microphone with Cadberry in his arms, a sweet rabbit openly loved by many of the residents. Fernando Rodrigues, recently recognized with the Full Life Award (a high honor indicating tremendous dedication to his work), also addressed this gathering in Friendship Garden.

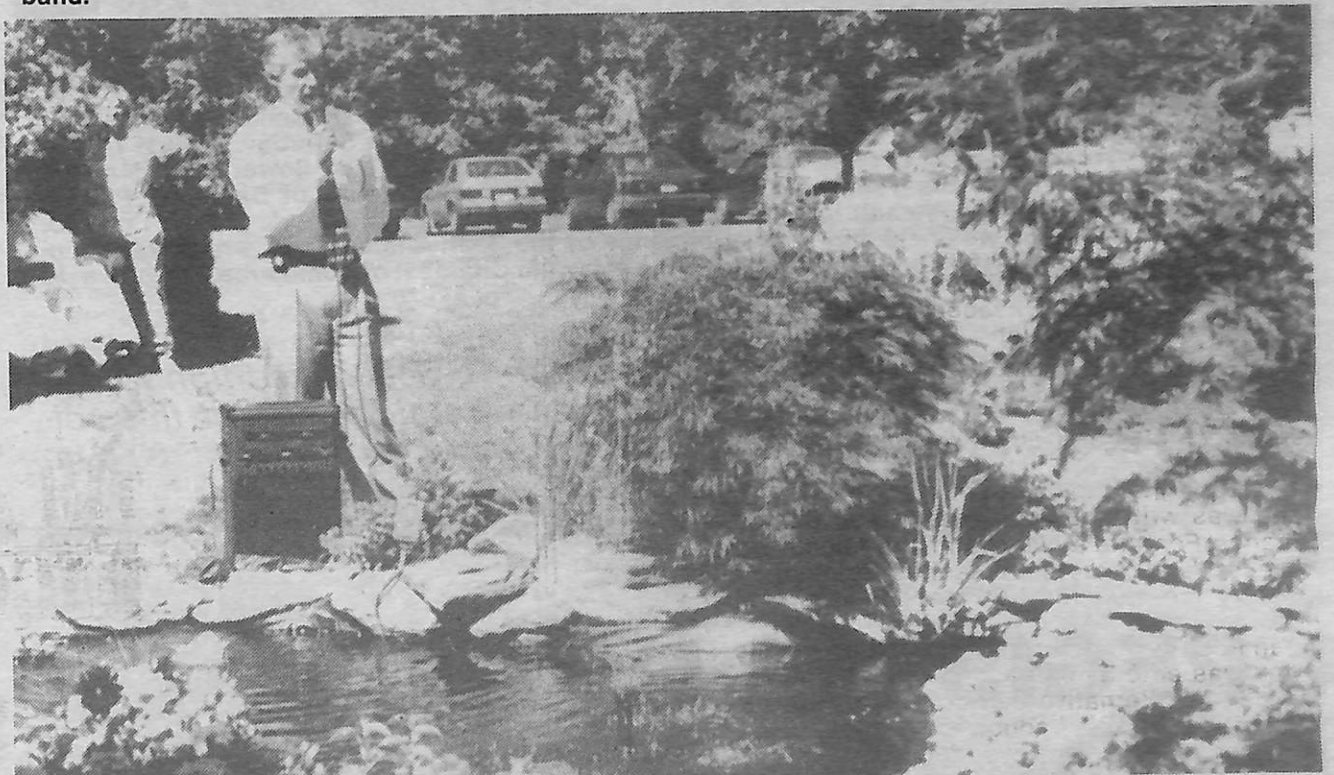
The Eden Alternative is a new outlook for nursing homes, which attempts to surround the residents with a homelike atmosphere, including children, animals, plants, and activities that keep their lives meaningful.

Regional Coordinator Susan Berta praised Heritage Hall West for taking their time in shifting their focus and becoming an Eden Alternative facility. "It is better to move slowly because growing a garden takes time to prepare."

SEE "EDEN" - Page 11...



HOLDING THE PLAQUE designating Heritage Hall West as an Eden Alternative Facility (from left to right): Bill Stafford, director of Heritage Hall West; Susan Berta, regional coordinator for the Eden Alternative; Kim George, state representative for the Eden Alternative; and Joe Berta, Susan's husband.



BILL STAFFORD, director of Heritage Hall West, addresses the attendees during the August 9th outdoor ceremony in the Friendship Garden. He thanked everyone who helped make Heritage Hall West an Eden Alternative Facility.

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ISLOU TANKO, a staff member of Heritage Hall West, holds Cadberry (a pet rabbit) while speaking to those in attendance during the outdoor ceremony dedicating Heritage Hall West as an Eden Alternative facility.

"EDEN" - from Page 10...

Genesis Eldercare is the only company that has three Eden Alternative facilities. The movement was started by Dr. William H. Thomas, a 1986 graduate of Harvard Medical School, who wants "to drastically improve what nursing home life is like," according to an article in *The Boston Herald* on July 15th.

He started this quest in 1991 because he saw too much "loneliness, hopelessness, and boredom." He took the sterile environment and "filled it with life, adding cats, dogs, birds, and plants."

There are several hundred nursing homes nationwide that are registered as Eden Alternatives, but only "a handful are in Massachusetts."

The Advertiser News recently covered a project called Link-Ages, which involved fifth and sixth grade students who visited Heritage Hall residents on a regular basis, engaged in several projects with them, and, for a grand finale, created a play and presented it at the Agawam Middle School.

The play was called "Letters From The Front" and was written by students in Lou Spiro's and Jeanne Forgette's classes at the Middle School. The plot and characters resulted from portions of history the students had learned from Heritage Hall residents.

In addition to its accuracy and authenticity, the play was entertaining and poignant, proving that the Eden Alternative can contribute to some of the higher ideals of education and of society.

After receiving the wooden plaque, residents and guests alike were invited inside the family room to enjoy a smorgasbord of pastries, cookies, cakes, and coffee. Kim George has been invaluable in the coordination of programs and partnerships which have kept the Eden Alternative alive and flourishing.

Agawam UNICO Plans 37th Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que

The Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will be holding its 37th annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on Sunday, August 22nd, once again at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

The Bar-B-Que will be held from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the pavilion of the Polish Club. The cost for this year's meal is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

As in past years, there will be chicken, french fries, salad, corn, fruit drink, coffee, and watermelon.

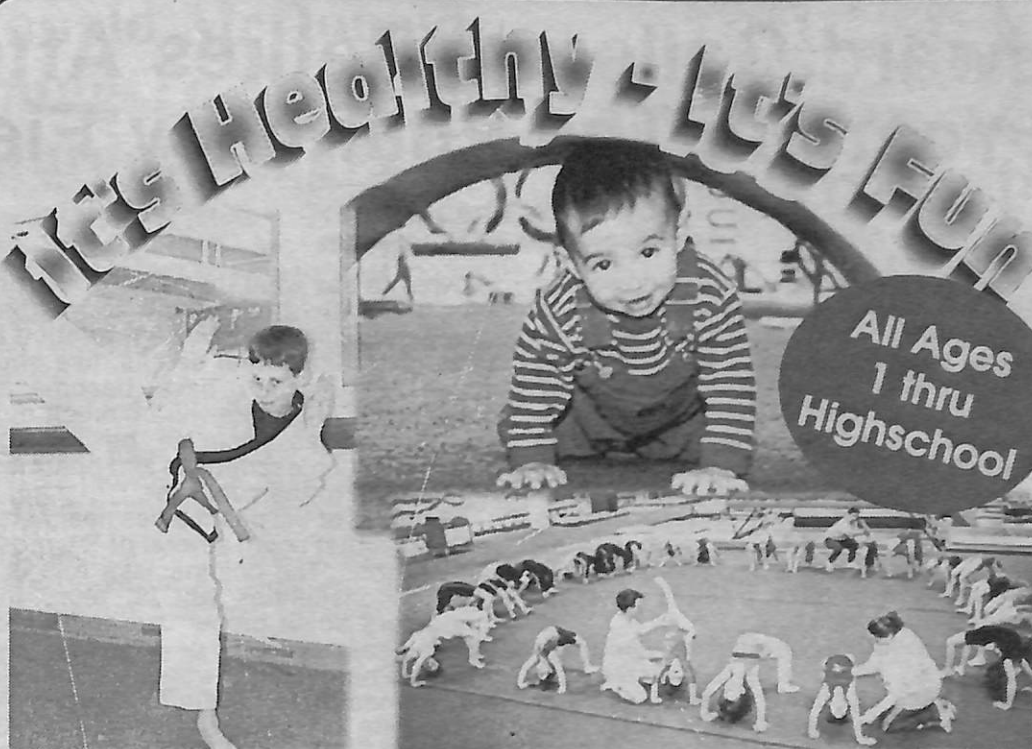
All proceeds from the Bar-B-Que will be used to benefit Agawam UNICO and its many charitable activities. Agawam UNICO is well-known for its commitment to the community and the residents of Agawam.

Agawam UNICO continually provides scholarships as well as helping Agawam's mentally and physically challenged citizens. The organization is also known for its contributions to the many student and civic activities throughout the community.

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Edward Gallerani Retires After 50 Years In The Pharmacy Field

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Edward Gallerani has been a reassuring source of information and advice for many years for town residents. Eddie, his brother, Arthur, and his sister, Lorraine, opened Edward's Drug Store on Springfield Street at O'Brien's Corner and it was purchased many years later by CVS. Ed Gallerani remained there for 13 years. In March 1998, the CVS in West Springfield had the benefit of his skills until, on July 14th, he retired.

Gallerani graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1949. The memories he will treasure are "working with people out front in the store ... helping with gifts ... filling prescriptions ... and the little things."

"It has been a good life," he says. "People in town have been very good to us. My sister, Lorraine, and I have been more than blessed with the people in town, and they have always treated us very kindly. For many years, I worked with Ray and Angela on Springfield Street and will always consider them my friends."

Edward Gallerani was well-liked by his clientele, for he always made the time to answer questions or discuss a problem. He took an interest in his customers and gave advice and counsel when it was sought.

A Changing Profession

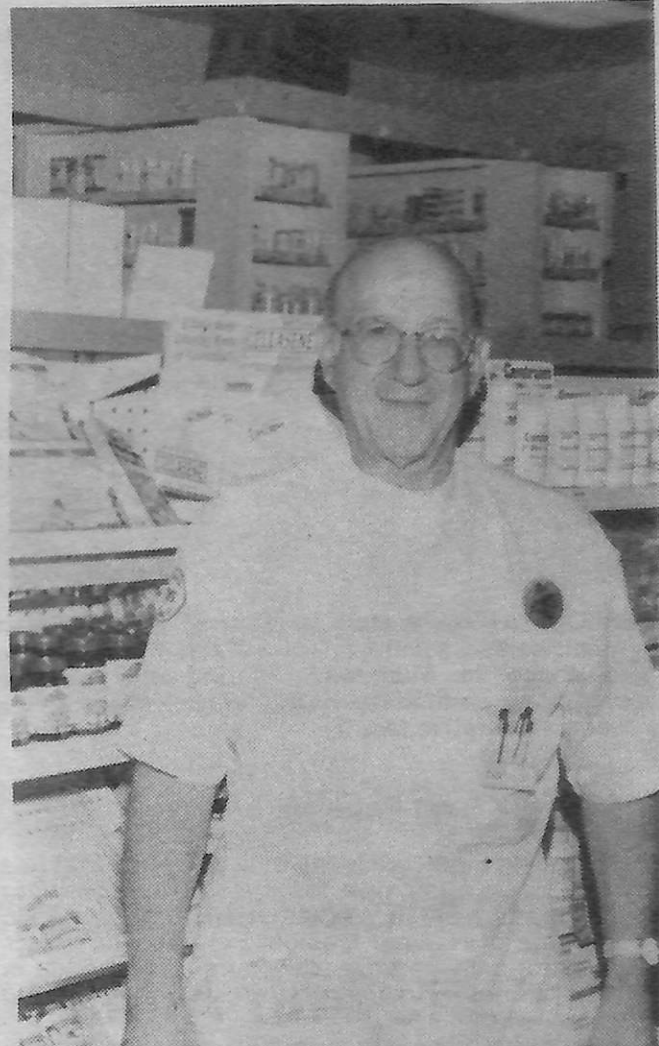
"Pharmacy is changing," he remarks. "Years ago when we filled a prescription, we were not

allowed to say what the name of the prescription was. The patient had to talk to the doctor. Now, labels must include basic information and the inserts give substantial details, like chemical formulas. Pharmacists have become more like counselors, and there will be much more of this. The companies seem to be aiming to have machines fill prescriptions and pharmacists there only to talk to the customer."

"At some of the pharmacies near here, there are machines that count several of the most common medications. The pharmacist's role is changing. The responsibilities will be more in teaching customers about proper use and what to watch for," he said.

CVS Pharmacy co-workers, family members, and friends met on August 8th at the Red Rose Restaurant in Springfield to wish Ed Gallerani a contented future. Ray Provost, who worked side-by-side with Gallerani in the Springfield Street CVS for many years, said, "I enjoyed working with Ed. He is very intelligent and people-oriented." Others observed these same characteristics and all agreed that Ed Gallerani lent something special to the vocation of pharmacy.

Even as many townspeople will miss Ed Gallerani, there will also be nostalgia for the days of his style of pharmacy - the family pharmacist who is also your neighbor.



EDWARD GALLERANI, a long-time family pharmacist who retired on July 14th and will be missed by the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Norman J. Gagne Promoted To Private First Class In The U.S. Marine Corps


Marine Pfc. Norman J. Gagne, son of Kim Ashe of 27 Sheri Lane, Agawam, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Gagne was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1998 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1998.

A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 29...

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Chris And Anna Johnson Announce Birth Of Daughter

Chris & Anna (Piliero) Johnson are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Emily Rose Johnson. Emily was born at Baystate Medical Center on Monday, May 24, 1999 at 11:41 a.m. She weighed five pounds, seven ounces and was 19 inches long. She is the fifth grandchild of Bob & Marilyn Johnson of 25 Valentine Terrace and the second granddaughter of Vincent & Rose Piliero of 16 Senator Avenue.

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Ronald McDonald Coming To Southwick Saturday, Aug. 21st

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Coming October 16th... Applications Available For Polish Club Craft Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the 17th Annual Craft Fair on October 16th at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary. For an application or more information, call Helen at (413) 786-6058 or Carmella at (413) 786-0845. (EDITOR'S NOTE: In recent issues of The AAN, the date for this Craft Fair has been inadvertently publicized as November 16th. The AAN and the Polish American Club apologize for any inconvenience that this error has caused.)

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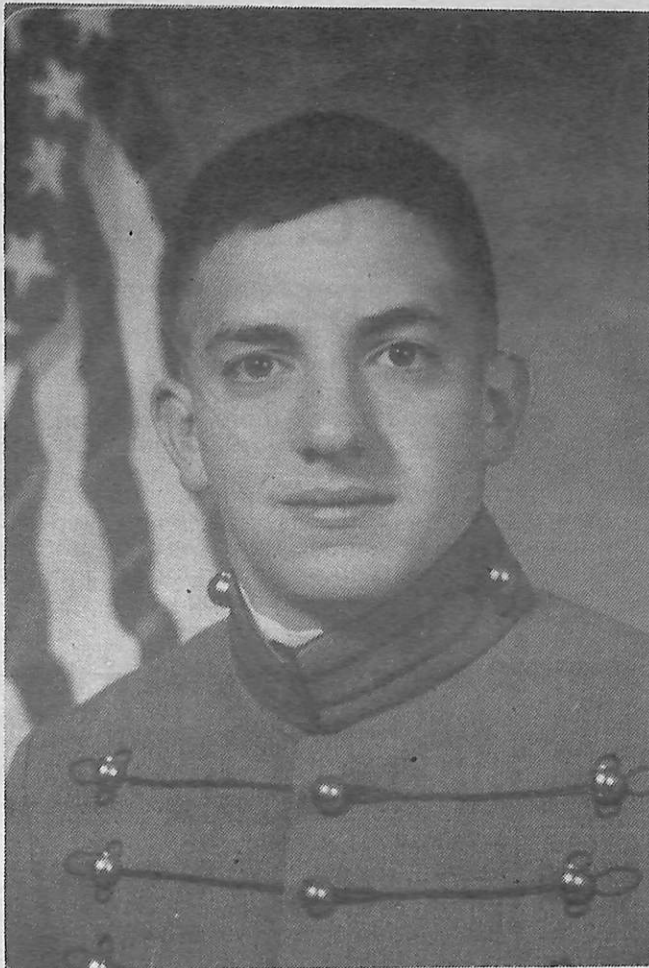
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EDWARD E. SHIBLEY

Edward E. Shibley Completes His 2nd Year At West Point

Edward E. Shibley has completed his second academic year and his third summer of military training at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The U.S. Military Academy is a four-year military and educational institution whose purpose is to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense. The cadets receive a bachelor's degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army upon graduation from the academy.

This summer, Cadet Shibley completed his CTLT (Cadet Troop Leader Training) at Fort Hood, Texas. He performed leadership training with the 64th MP Company.

Also this summer, Shibley completed Airborne training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Here he qualified with five parachute jumps, earning his airborne wings.

As an Environmental Geography major with an Environmental Engineering track, Cadet Shibley's family and friends wish him continued success at West Point.

Shibley is the son of Edward P. and Donna M. Shibley of 55 Rowley Street, Agawam. He is a 1997 graduate of Agawam High School.

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The Agawam Fire Department reminds you to rid your home or workplace of rubbish, trash, old newspapers, worn-out clothes, and cardboard boxes. Take the trash outside for temporary storage, staged for removal and away from heat sources.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

A Correction Regarding "Golden Girls" Pageant

Note: In the August 12th issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, it was reported that Connie Lind will compete in the "Golden Girls" Pageant on Saturday, August 22nd. BUT THE CORRECT DATE IS SUNDAY, August 22nd.



MIRANDA CHRISTINE HARPIN

Daniel And Karen Harpin Welcome A Baby Daughter

Daniel J. and Karen M. Harpin of West Springfield are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Miranda Christine Harpin, on August 7, 1999.

Miranda was 20-inches long and weighed six pounds, 8.3 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Frederick & Christine Harpin, Sr. of Agawam. Maternal grandparents are Rejean & Marilyn Remillard of Feeding Hills.

Miranda is also the great-granddaughter of Josephine McKinnon and Annette Remillard, both of Feeding Hills.



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FRANK A. BUONICONTI

Frank A. Buoniconti Graduates From The CT Police Academy

Frank A. Buoniconti, son of Jeanne and Frank Buoniconti of 5 Pleasant Valley Road, Feeding Hills, graduated from the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, Connecticut on July 13th.

Officer Buoniconti underwent 20 weeks of vigorous police training and is currently serving on the Simsbury, Connecticut police force.

Officer Buoniconti is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School and received his bachelor's degree from Western New England College in 1991 with a major in Business Administration and a minor in law and psychology. He is currently working to get his master's degree.

Officer Buoniconti is married to the former Karen Klisiewicz.

A Delicious Menu Awaits You At The Peach Festival

The 15th annual Wilbraham Peach Festival will feature a mouthwatering menu. Visitors may sample delicious fare, including Pop's pizza, Jeremy's Place's roast beef and meatball grinders, Khazana's Indian cuisine, Millie's pierogis, Nutmeg's sweet potato fries, and much, much more.

Among our new additions this year is Hampden House Cafe. White Hut fans will want to stop by for a burger or hot dog and wish Ed Barkett well as he retires and turns the business over to his son. The Minnechaug Honor Society will be serving cold-cut grinders and chips.

The Annual Peach Festival Pancake Breakfast will be held on the festival grounds Sunday, August 22nd. The St. Cecilia Parish community will serve fresh pancakes, sausages, and juice from 8:00-10:30 a.m. for only \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for seniors and children; free for the runners in the 5 Mile Road Race.

Join us at Fountain Park, Tinkham Road, Wilbraham on August 20th, 21st, and 22nd. All proceeds from the Festival are invested in community projects and scholarships for area students. There is no admission fee for the Festival. Parking fee is \$2 per car.

For more information, call the Peach Festival office at 599-0010 or visit us on the web at www.peachfestival.org.

Sheriff's Clambake Set For August 25th At Riverside Park

The annual Sheriff's Clambake, always a highlight of the local political summer season, will be held Wednesday, August 25th at the Riverside Park Picnic Grove, Rte. 159 in Agawam (rain or shine).

The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at approximately 8:30 p.m. The peak period is 3:00-6:00 p.m.



MR. & MRS. DAVID GILLESPIE

Patricia Watson Becomes Bride Of David Gillespie

Elaine & Robert Watson announce the wedding of their daughter, Patricia, to David Gillespie of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The wedding took place in the garden of the groom's parents, Martha & Judd Gillespie, on July 31st.

Patricia is a teacher at the Brownell Talbot Prep School and David is a sales representative for Carpenter Paper Co., both in Omaha, Nebraska.

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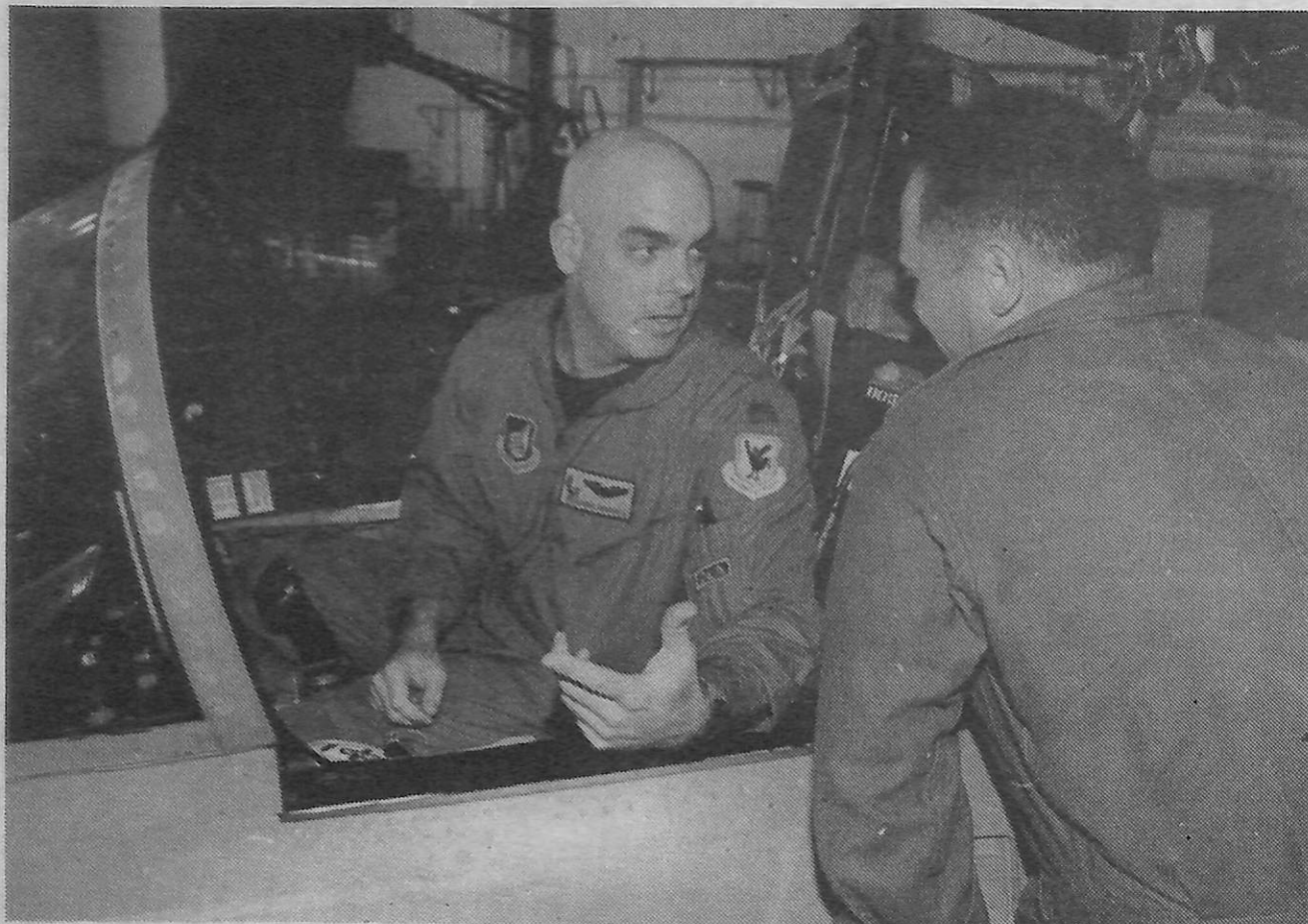


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IN LEFT PHOTO: Air Force 1st Lt. Derek G. Innarelli (in the cockpit) discusses F-15 maintenance with a crew chief at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. IN RIGHT PHOTO: An aircraft maintenance specialist works on an F-15 fighter's avionics systems.



Through The Air Force...

1st Lt. Derek G. Innarelli Experiences Okinawa First-Hand

When the son of two area residents writes to his family and friends in the United States from his "residence" in Okinawa, a picture is often painted of this Japanese island as a lush, tropical paradise far removed from home.

But for Air Force 1st Lt. Derek G. Innarelli, son of Louis Innarelli of 44 Carroll Drive, Westfield, and Carla Dempsey of 126 Hendom Drive, Feeding Hills, there is another picture of life on Okinawa that few family members and friends back home hear about. Innarelli is a member of the largest combat unit in the Air Force and a part of a global mission.

Innarelli and fellow airmen support over 80 aircraft and a mission that places them at the heart of nearly every military operation in the Pacific region. Innarelli supports the mission as an F-15 fighter jet pilot with the 12th Fighter Squadron.

"I fly the F-15 — the world's greatest air superiority fighter. Our job is to maintain air superiority wherever needed. Basically, it's our job to destroy all enemy aircraft in the desired area. This provides protection for our other air

assets and allows us to send bombers in without fear of them being attacked by other aircraft," explained Innarelli.

"Our squadron is the alpha squadron on base. If anything happens that they need Kadena aircraft for, our squadron goes first," said Innarelli, a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School. He also graduated in 1993 from the Florida Institute of Technology at Melbourne.

Although the work-week is typically hectic for the 20,000 American service members stationed at Kadena, living on a subtropical island has its pluses. With a unique blend of predominantly Japanese, Chinese, and American lifestyles, Okinawa offers experiences that range from the beaches to the blossom festivals to ancient temples. While some find life on this Oriental island adventurous, others are less sure about this overseas experience.

"Okinawa is an amazing place," Innarelli said. "The people are friendly and the food is different,

but good. It's also a very congested place. Traffic is horrible and driving on the left-hand side makes it even more difficult. Still, it's very beautiful here with mountains and lots of tropical vegetation. The ocean can be seen from almost anywhere, and it is a beautiful green color. The scuba diving here is probably the best in the world.

"Japanese people are also very fashionably minded. They always seem to wear very nice clothing," he added.

An island paradise, a frigid tundra, or a barren desert — as a member of the Air Force, almost any place in the world could become home for Innarelli. The prospect of frequently relocating is just one of the challenges — or boons — accepted upon joining the service.

"Since I've been in the Air Force, I've had a lot of fun," Innarelli said. "I love flying the F-15 — it's a dream come true. I also like all the people I work with — they're all amazing. I love Japan and the people here. I just wish I could stay here longer than my two-year tour."

Senior Employment Bulletin Board On Display At Senior Ctr.

A new Senior Employment Bulletin Board is on display at the Agawam Senior Center.

The Board is in response to the growing number of older citizens who are returning to the workforce and the number of employers who are seeking elders to fill full- and part-time positions.

Employers interested in posting positions should send them to the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001, or fax them to 789-4092.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn M. LaValley In W. Pacific Region And Arabian Gulf

Navy Fireman Veronicalynn M. LaValley, daughter of Phyllis A. and Jules J. LaValley, Sr. of 97 Silver St., Agawam, recently visited the port of Pusan, Korea while on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf aboard the fast combat support ship USS Sacramento.

During the visit, LaValley and fellow crewmembers had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the sights the ancient city had to offer.

USS Sacramento's main mission is to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The

ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway.

LaValley's ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel, 625 tons of ordnance, 360 tons of dry provisions, and 60 tons of refrigerated foods. USS Sacramento gives battle group commanders the capability, flexibility, and mobility to sustain deployed forces underway for long periods.

The 1998 graduate of Agawam High School joined the Navy in July 1998.

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PAUL MICHAEL OBERHEIM

Oberheim Family Announces Birth Of Son, Paul Michael

Kristen and Todd Oberheim of Agawam are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Paul Michael.

Paul was born on Thursday, June 3rd, at 1:02 a.m. He weighed nine pounds, six ounces.

The proud grandparents are Jean and Michael Clark of Westfield, and Gloria and the late Paul Oberheim of Agawam.

Polish American Club To Present New Year's Eve Gala

Ronald Labun, president of the Polish American Club, has named Bob Binnenkade as chairman of the New Year's Eve gala to be held at the club pavilion on Friday, December 31, 1999. The cost of the event will be an affordable \$40 per person.

Featured will be a choice of prime rib dinner or baked stuffed scrod with baked potato, California vegetable medley, rolls, salad, coffee, and dessert. Prior to the meal, hors-d'oeuvres will be served.

A champagne toast at midnight will welcome in the new year, after which coffee and pastries will be available.

Dancing to music by Maximum Productions will be continuous until closing time.

Tickets will be available at the club bar or by calling Janice Barako at 786-9798 or Bob Binnenkade at 786-5045.

Plan your party and reserve your tickets now. Seating is limited.

Annual Oktoberfest Slated For August 21st At Spfld. Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam will hold its annual Oktoberfest at the club grounds on Saturday, August 21st, from noon to midnight. The club is located at 167 Garden Street, Agawam, across from the Garden Street exit off of Route 57.

Entertainment will feature music by the Melha Temple German Band from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and the band Orange Crush will continue the beat from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Plenty of food will be available, including bratwurst, knockwurst, hot dogs, kielbasa links, hamburgers, smoked pork chops, sauerkraut, potato pancakes, potato salads, cakes, and pastries.

Imported and domestic beer will be on hand, along with sodas and coffee.

Donations are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the gate. Tickets are available now by contacting any member of the Turnverein or calling the club at 786-0924.

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Karen Patterson & Michael Cleavall Wed In Feeding Hills

Karen Patterson and Michael Cleavall were united in marriage on April 16, 1999 at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

The parents of the bride are Kathy & Jack Patterson of Agawam. The bridegroom is the son of Ruth & David Cleavall of Agawam.

Kristen Patterson attended her sister as maid of honor. Jeffrey Cleavall served his brother as best man.

Karen is a graduate of Agawam High School, Stonehill College, and American International College. She is a special education teacher in Springfield.

Michael is a graduate of Agawam High School and Bentley College. He is currently enrolled in an MBA program at Western New England College. He is controller for Mystic Transport Services, Inc. in South Glastonbury.

The couple currently reside in Springfield.



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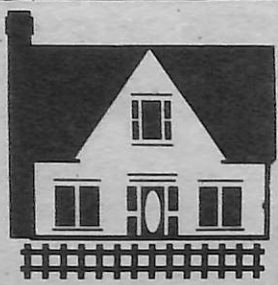
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Harold Davis Believes In Helping Others

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Harold Davis of North West Street, Feeding Hills, who designed the Gazebo and Bell Tower at the Veterans' Memorial Green on Main and School Streets in Agawam Center, has been a carpenter for 40-plus years. He was also in the Army Air Corps for five years and survived two crashes of Bomber B-24's in the Pacific during World War II.

In the Army Air Corps from 1940-46, Davis served one year in Australia and then between Australia and Japan. He said he was an aerial engineer, also known as a "flying grease monkey." He started out in charge of one bomber and eventually was in charge of a squadron. Although he was in two airplane crashes over land, luck was with him and he was relatively unhurt.

Before that, he spent two years in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Chester (MA) as a mechanic with large construction machines such as bulldozers.

Born in Springfield, Harold was raised in Feeding Hills, but went to what was then Trade High School (Putnam) because he wanted to study carpentry. He went to the high school in Springfield by bus and trolley, he said, and in the summer he went everywhere by bike.

After the armed service, Harold spent 20 years working for E.R. Hall Construction Co. in



HAROLD DAVIS

Agawam. Then he worked in his own carpentry shop, which he constructed adjacent to the home he had built in 1952. It is called the Davis Carpentry Shop. He ran this business until 1979, and still spends time in the carpentry shop, but now it is for fun. Harold is known to be a "man of many skills."

He belongs to the Friends of the Senior Center and is active at Sacred Heart Church, where a sign denoting the church rectory and offices, which he made, was installed in front of the rectory the other day.

Recipient Of Many Honors

Among honors bestowed on Harold for his "help" was the 1995 award from the Association of Community Living to the volunteer who made

an outstanding contribution to the association and the people it serves. The award was given at an event at Chez Josef. The association serves mental health and handicapped people at Pleasant Hill Village in Feeding Hills. Harold's contribution was taking a young man to church each Sunday.

He is also the recipient of the 1996 Friends of the Senior Center Annual Friendship Award for designing the Gazebo and Veterans' Bell at the Veterans' Green. The event was shared with Frank Paradiso, who was awarded the 1996 Andrew Gallano Award for his work with the elderly. Davis also designed the temperature sign showing progress of the Honor Roll Fund. This is also at Veterans' Field.

While Harold designed and oversaw this work, materials were provided by Tony Albro, Building Department superintendent. And many other people helped with the actual construction, Harold said.

Harold and his wife, Claire, were married in 1951 and she died in 1993. The couple were parents of Michael Davis and Bernadette "Bonnie" Waters, both of Agawam. There are three grandchildren. Claire was an Agawam teacher and retired from Robinson Park School.

In Claire's memory, Harold made 30 cabinets and multiple mailboxes for Agawam Schools. Each bears a gold plate saying, "In Memory of Claire T. Davis." Harold has made a cabinet for Phelps School to be delivered before school opens and one went to Clarke School two weeks ago.

From his wood shop also came two discs with the Agawam High Indian Head insignia, to be placed on the traveling truck of the Agawam High School Band. Davis' granddaughter, Kathleen, is a band member.

Davis can also be found working with volunteers from Sacred Heart Church at the Soup Kitchen at First Church of Christ at Springfield's Court Square on the first Saturday of each month. He described succinctly the shepherd's pie that the church volunteers bring to the kitchen and serve 75-125 persons.

Among his hobbies is leaded glass. He is in the process of making a nine-inch square glass butterfly. Each wing has 35 pieces, he said. He also has stained glass panels of birds in the doors of his home.

A very active man, Harold said, "I do all these things because I enjoy doing them." The best of reasons!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: Our "Back-To-School" edition will be published next Thursday, August 26th. Because of the size of this edition, the deadline for ALL articles is Monday, August 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.

A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 29...

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—Psalm 73:19

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Walter A. Maier, a renowned preacher of the first half of the 20th century, gave two examples of well-known people who came to life's end and uttered what amount to famous "lost" words. Maier said that Jay Gould, a multimillionaire, lamented on his deathbed, "I am the most miserable man on earth." Maier also cited the French thinker Voltaire, who cried out, "I wish I had never been born."

What will mark the end of your life? Peace or despair? You can rejoice in God's forgiveness. You can have the assurance that death will not separate you from God's love (Rom. 8:38-39) but will bring you into His presence.

That can happen if you put your faith in Christ—trusting that because of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection your sins are forgiven. Your last words can then be triumphant as you look forward to eternity with Christ. —JDB

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Since the FDA does not approve cosmetics before they go to market, they can only take legal action against a company if their product poses a safety problem.

In the dental industry, it is safe to use MMA in the monomer because most prosthetics are made outside the mouth, and like nail acrylic, once

polymerized and cured, dental composites are safe when placed in contact with human tissue. A client who wears acrylic nails containing MMA will have a fill every two weeks which is being applied to the softer, keratin protein of nails, thus possibly causing numerous personal injuries.

Reports include serious nail damage or loss, contact dermatitis, soreness, infections, and permanent nail deformities. The MMA vapors are toxic even in small doses and can cause lung, liver, and heart valve damage, especially in long-term exposure.

Although certain disreputable manufacturers continue to formulate nail products with MMA, most of our industry has combined efforts and now are using EMA-based (Ethyl Methacrylate) acrylic liquids for nails, which is free of the hazards associated with MMA.

-taken from a report by Terri Taricco

Our salon has also joined forces with the industry and only uses the best and highest quality nail products available.

You can visit Mary Ann, Jennifer, and Melissa Tuesday thru Saturday at our salon... Beauty is our Business!

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 23rd: Hamburg on a roll with lettuce, tomato, and cheese, baked beans, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, August 24th: French meat pie, potato puffs, zucchini, rye bread, butterscotch pudding.

Wednesday, August 25th: Meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn on the cob, breadsticks, yellow cake.

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To welcome him into the family was his two year-old brother, Sammy, and grandparents Salvatore & Marilyn Morassi of Feeding Hills, Pamela McCarthy of Feeding Hills, and Philip McCarthy of Agawam.

Swimming For The Dana-Farber Institute



CONNOR DOOLEY (center), a 12 year-old resident of Feeding Hills, recently completed a one-mile open water swim in Boston Harbor. He was the youngest swimmer in a field open to 200 participants. Swim Across America Inc. sponsored this fundraising program on behalf of the Perini Quality of Life Clinic at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Pictured with Connor are two of his fellow Swim Across America participants — 1984 Olympic Gold Medalists Geoff Gaberino and Steve Lundquist.

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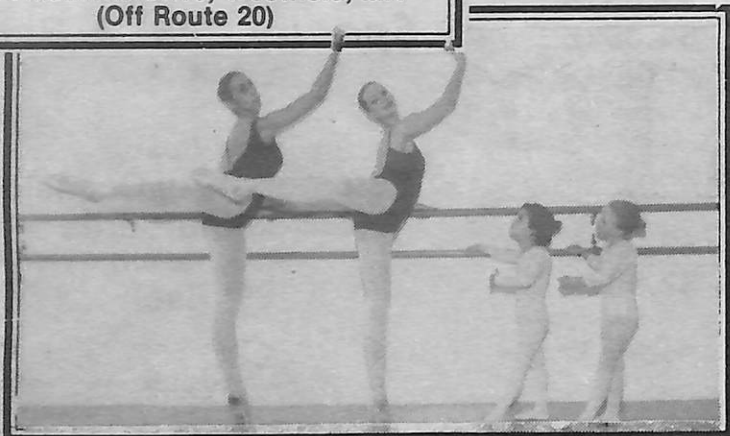
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Does Anybody Here Want To Live Forever?

Of all the things which concern us, perhaps one of the most important and basic is living. We hate the idea of dying. Lawyers writing wills and insurance agents selling policies don't speak of "when you die," they say "if." Instead of the word "die," they prefer "pass away" or "pass on," or they don't say anything at all.

On more than one occasion, Jesus addressed this very basic human concern. But rather than speaking of an undefined immortality, He spoke instead of eternal life. Undefined immortality is the hope of continued existence; eternal life is being alive forever.

Being alive forever, or having eternal life, is the gift of God, available to any and all who will receive it from Him. Jesus told an inquirer, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." He also said, "I give them eternal life." Gift are given, not earned. For the wages (the earnings) of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eternal life is more than simply continued existence beyond the grave. Many religions promise that, but only God promises us what we really want, to be truly alive, forever. The promise, however, is inextricably linked to the One who makes the promise. Jesus prayed, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." Can we know that Jesus Christ will keep His promises? The answer is found in who He is.

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Who, or perhaps what, is Jesus Christ? He must be somebody important, since for the past 2,000 years He's been the subject of great controversy. In and of itself, that's not bad for a poor and obscure carpenter's son! Can we settle the controversy for ourselves?

Billy Graham once boiled down the answer to the question "Who is Jesus?" into only three possibilities. He was either a) a liar or b) a lunatic or c) the Son of God. Let's consider them in turn.

Was Jesus a liar? Did Jesus Christ know He was not the Messiah, who had been long promised in the Old Testament? Did Jesus Christ claim to be the Son of God, knowing full well He wasn't? Those who believe His promises surely hope not!

Was Jesus a lunatic? Did Jesus Christ delude Himself into thinking He was the son of God, but really wasn't? Albert Schweitzer, writing in "Quest of the Historical Jesus," claims Jesus was a tragically self-deluded superhero who thought His impending death and resurrection motif would usher in a new world order. Schweitzer, sounding sympathetic, thinks Jesus was entirely wrong. Jesus' followers think Schweitzer was entirely wrong; in fact, Jesus did usher in a new world order, just not of this earthly world.

Was Jesus who and what He said He was all along, the Son of God who is the Savior of the world? Many of His followers could offer conclusive proof that He not only was, but is today.

We could point to the miracles He performed during His earthly ministry, which are repeated even today through some of His servants. We could point to the fact that He is an historical figure of such renown, even though He was of such little political or economic importance to His society. We could point to His resurrection to prove His claim.

For all of this, the best way for anybody to know for sure who or what Jesus really is or was is to pray, to ask God to show us. Jesus' closest friends struggled with the question, and eventually they got it right. And Jesus said to them, "Blessed are you! For this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven."

St. John's Parish News And Notes

PARISH PICNIC

Plans are progressing nicely for the Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 29th. We will use our own St. John's Field on Leonard Street for this event. Want to help? Call Mariann Green, the chairman, at 786-8105.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be coming up again in October. This Sacrament is the final part of full initiation into the community.

Sometimes circumstances prevent some people from receiving this Sacrament at the usual time in their religious education. So, if there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register for a series of six sessions to prepare candidates starting August 23rd.

SUNDAY TO SUNDAY

We are continuing our Scripture Video program twice weekly: Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Friday mornings at 9:10 a.m. Come join us, it doesn't hurt!

There is a brief background for next Sunday's Gospel with some points of Biblical information. Quite good!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we get ready to start a new year of religious education, we once more are looking for help with our teaching program. With over 500 students, we try to break down the class size to 10 to 15 students.

If you have taught in the past, we would hope you would consider coming back to assist. If you cannot do it on a regular basis, maybe on a ready reserve substitute roster.

Please call Fr. Howard or Fr. Bill at 786-8105.

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Those who signed up for the Parishioner's Quilt will have two options for signing the materials:

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Church News - continued...**Calendar From
Ag. Congregational**

This Sunday is August 22nd, and this will be Rev. Fuller's last Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. His sermon will be "God Lives In You," taken from Romans 12:1-8.

The choir will be singing in honor of Rev. Fuller's last day. The choir is under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

Rev. Fuller's Children's Message will be "Where Does God Live?"

Join us for this special Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Summer Church School continues and will be held immediately following the Children's Message. Dan Pender, Christian Education/Youth Director, will be teaching the class.

There will be a reception for Rev. Curt Fuller in Bryan Hall immediately following the Worship Service. Join us as we bid farewell to Rev. Fuller and his family.

Rev. Fuller has accepted a call to University City United Church in San Diego, California.

Deacon Steven Paul will be Lay Speaker for the Worship Service on Sunday, August 29th.

On Sunday, September 5th, the Rev. Eric W. Bascom will begin his interim ministry with the church. Join us at the final 9:30 a.m. summer service to welcome Rev. Bascom and his wife, Beth, to our church.

The fall schedule (10:30 a.m.) will begin on Sunday, September 12th.

There will be a Christian Education and Youth "Kick off Dinner/Dance" for the upcoming Church School year. The dinner will be held on Sunday, August 29th, at 5:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall. The dance will be held immediately following the dinner.

This is open to all church members, especially those with children in Church School and Youth Groups.

This is a free pasta dinner with beverages provided. It is also a Pot Luck salad and dessert dinner, with A-L bringing salad and M-Z bringing dessert.

Please sign up at the Coffee Hour following services or call the church office.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

At Agawam Congregational Church...

**Farewell Reception
On Aug. 22nd To
Honor Rev. Fuller**

Rev. Curt D. Fuller, senior minister of Agawam Congregational Church, has accepted a call to be the pastor of the University City United Church in San Diego, CA.

He began his pastorate here in August of 1989. Rev. Fuller and the church members have built up outstanding Youth and Religious Education programs. The church is in the midst of a \$240,000 building renovation program. He has been very active in community and ecumenical activities. Curt and his wife, Louise, were very active in their sons' (Dana's and Bob's) school and athletic programs.

Rev. Fuller's final Worship Service will be on Sunday, August 22nd, at 9:30 a.m. His Sermon will be "God Lives In You." There will be a reception in Bryan Hall immediately following his final service to say farewell to Rev. Fuller and his family. For more information, call the church office at 786-7111.

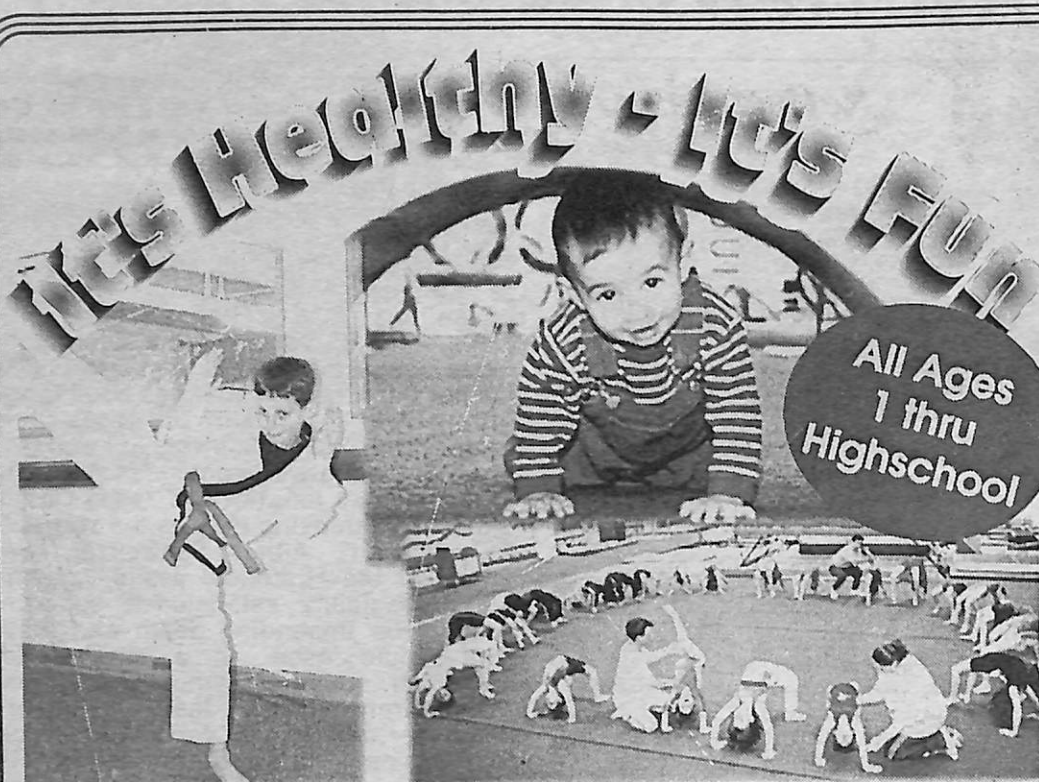
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Spotlight On Business

Talking With Gene Burris...

A Local Legend At "Larry's Mobil"

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

At Larry's Mobil on Main Street, Gene Burris has been deemed "employee of the month" for so long, no one recalls when anyone else won the title. Gene has become something of a local legend due to his unfailing good nature and enthusiasm for the people he sees at work.

The Man Who Couldn't Retire...

On Christmas Day 1997, the Springfield Union-News ran a story about the holiday party at Larry's Mobil, given each Christmas Eve for their customers and friends. Gene Burris' retirement was announced in the article, but he says, "Customers were up in arms and wanted me back, and even my co-workers complained."

"I really didn't get away for long; after a few weeks, I missed the people, too, because to me it is a pleasure to serve people who need you. I guess you could call this a 'partial retirement,'" he laughs.

Owner Larry Burris and Gene Burris are brothers, have worked together for 37 years, and have never had an argument, according to them. Gene has never missed a scheduled work day, either. When asked why he is so cheerful, he says, "A lot of it is my wife. She's even better-natured than I am. She is very happy-go-lucky, and I believe she's got a lot to do with my being so content."

Many customers are pleasantly surprised to hear whistling or singing while their cars are being serviced. While Gene is noted for such antics, everyone at Larry's is pleasant and respectful. The station is located in a convenient spot and they offer full service. On bitter cold or drizzling days, not all people (especially those working outside) can be cheerful. But Gene always manages to sound chipper and friendly. "There is always someone a lot worse off than me," he points out.

Gene lost vision in one eye several years ago and now has glaucoma in the other eye. Yet he sees himself as lucky because he is healthy otherwise. He has been married to Beryl (who works for the state) for 34 years. They have five children and nine grandchildren and two cats, Punkin and Sunny. "Beryl is a real cat lover," he says. "She just recently made them their own couch."

Gene knew Beryl when they were very young — too young (in fact) to date, but he still considers her his first girlfriend. Later in life, they bumped into each other and have been together ever since.

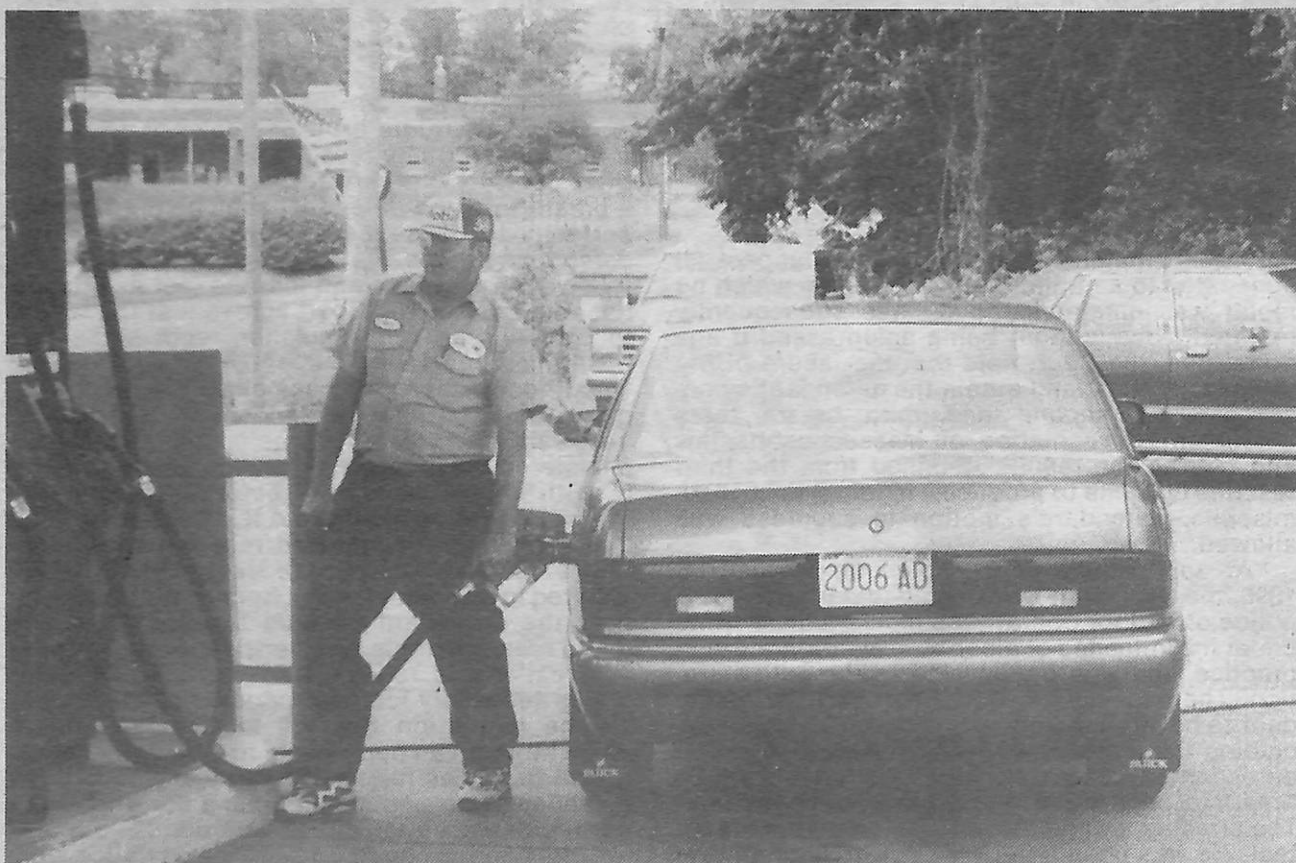
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GENE BURRIS, who's known for whistling while he works at Larry's Mobil on Main Street, Agawam, has been "employee of the month" for as long as anyone can remember.

school by Larry and Gene. Larry had studied auto mechanics at what was then Westfield Trade School, and Gene had studied radio and television at Putnam Vocational (then Springfield Trade). They originally opened in Southwick as a Sunoco station and later moved to Main Street in Agawam, ultimately becoming a Mobil station.

Larry's son, Gary, also works at the Main Street Mobil station as a mechanic. Scott Litz, who operates the gasoline division of the station, said of Gene Burris, "He's outstanding. Working side by side with Gene is a pleasure. He is the ultimate optimist. It's not whether the glass is half full or half empty — it's 'what a nice glass.' No one makes more people smile than Gene does."

Larry and Gene's mother always told them, "It doesn't matter what you do — just do it well." Both brothers exemplify commitment and longevity toward their obligations. Gene remarks that he "gets a kick out of helping people, joking, giving a smile, or singing on a Monday morning. I love working at the gas station. You wouldn't believe how nice the customers can be — they bring us donuts or cookies — and being there for them makes it all worthwhile."

According to science, the frown uses 43 muscles and the smile uses 17, so Gene Burris and his co-workers at Larry's Mobil are apparently on to something.

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Motor Vehicles Breath Test - Consent

Where a defendant drunk driving suspect (1) consented to an initial breath test from which no result was obtained and (2) was subsequently retested twice without being again asked if she consented, the Court held that the failure of the police to request and obtain the defendant's consent to the second and third breath tests amounted to a violation of Massachusetts law and caused the results obtained from the third test (the only one to produce a reading) to be inadmissible. Defendant's motion to suppress was allowed.

"At approximately 12:40 p.m. on August 11, 1998, the defendant was placed under arrest by a police officer for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. In accordance with practice, she was transported to the police station. The booking procedure required the defendant to be informed of certain statutory rights, including the right to submit to a breath test. The defendant voluntarily consented to the taking of a breath test and signed the requisite consent form. The arresting officer did not administer the breath test. He was uncertain of his certification on the date of the defendant's arrest and testified at the hearing that he was not presently a certified breath test operator. The officer was not in the same room where the test was administered to the defendant. Nevertheless, the 'Operational Procedure Checklist,' which contains the results of the test, lists that officer as the breath test operator.

"A certified breath test operator, was the desk officer at the time the defendant entered the barracks. He was present when the defendant signed the above-mentioned consent form. It was uncontested that a second officer administered an initial breath test to the defendant. However, without an explanation, no test result was obtained. The defendant submitted to a second test at the second officer's request, again with no result. It did not appear that the defendant was at fault for the failure of the breath test machine to register any readings.

"Thereafter, the second officer asked the third officer, who was the officer-in-charge, if he would assist in the administration of the test. Upon examination of the equipment, the third officer could detect no problem with the breath test machine. He pressed the reset button and administered a third test to the defendant. That test provided blood alcohol level percentages ... and a simulator reading.

"The third officer was not present and did not participate in obtaining the defendant's consent to any of the tests. The Court found that the defendant complied voluntarily to the taking of each test. The defendant suggests that the test results are not admissible because of the failure of the police to satisfy the requirements of the 'Safe Roads Act,' as set forth in 501 CMR 2.00 et seq., in particular, the requirement that the test be performed by a certified breath test operator, and the requirement that the defendant be given an oppor-

tunity to consent to the test that resulted in the above-mentioned readings."

"The Court's ruling on the second issue, the requirement that the defendant consent prior to administration of the test, disposes of the motion. According to 501 CMR 2.56(1), in order to constitute a valid test, the defendant's consent must be 'received and recorded.' In addition, 'in the case of an invalid test that results from something other than the defendant's failure to supply an adequate breath sampler or otherwise to comply with any reasonable request by a certified operator that is necessary for the conduct of a breath test, the defendant shall be given an opportunity to consent to a new breath test.' The defendant argues that the regulations were not followed in her case and that the test results are not admissible. The Court agreed that the failure to comply with this regulation renders the test results inadmissible.

"Although there was compliance with the requirement that the defendant's consent be 'received and recorded' before she was administered the first test, the police failed to comply with this requirement before she was administered the following two tests. The only time that the police sought and received the defendant's consent was prior to the first test, which resulted in an 'invalid test ... from something other than the defendant's failure to supply an adequate breath sample or otherwise to comply with any reasonable request by a certified operator that is necessary for the conduct of a breath test.'

"The regulation requires that the defendant 'shall be given an opportunity to consent to a new breath test.' The failure to receive and record the defendant's consent constituted a deviation from the regulations that affects the admissibility of the test results. The Court said 'the deviation from the regulation is further exacerbated by the administration of the incriminating test by a third officer who was not present during the booking and did not participate in obtaining the original consent.' The Court held that the breath test results are inadmissible."

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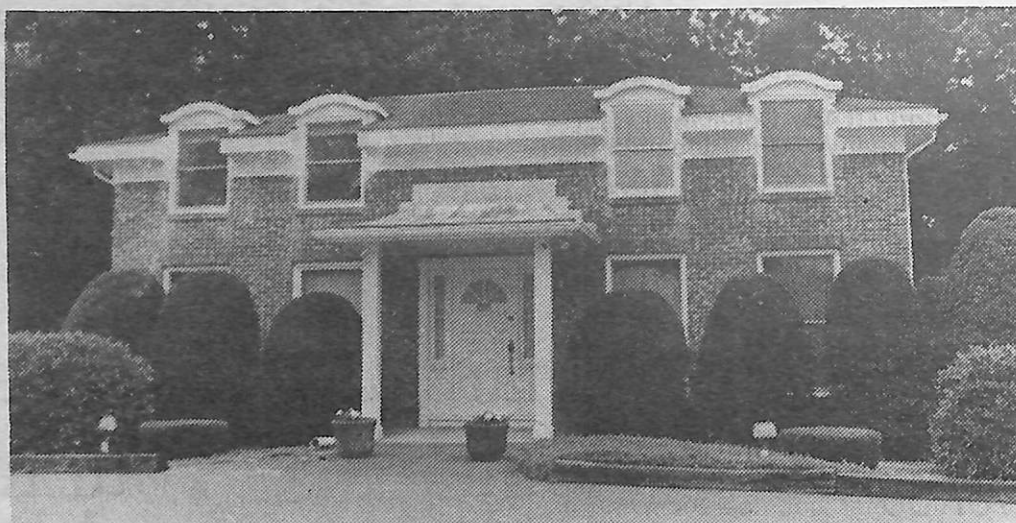
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There's no doubt about it, stock prices of larger companies — and especially a narrow group of market darlings — have jumped over the last few years. But what many people don't know is that stocks of many smaller companies haven't joined the run-up and may offer compelling value.

According to some market experts, the reasons small-caps have lagged include:

- Investors' desire for the relative safety and liquidity of large-cap securities during the global financial turmoil of the last few years. The economic and market crises in Asia's emerging markets in 1997, Russia's economic meltdown in 1998, and fears of similar chaos in Latin America and perhaps China spurred a "flight to quality" among stock and bond investors. Most investors perceive big multinational corporations, with their considerable resources, as more able to weather trouble and thus a safer investment.

- Institutional investors' traditional preference for large-cap stocks. Pension funds, insurance companies, and other large institutions typically have favored large-company investments in the belief that they are more liquid and less volatile than small-caps. Institutions' increasing appetite for indexing large-company stocks via the S&P 500 also has created higher demand for them versus small-caps.

- Large-cap stocks' amazing momentum. With double-digit advances of the S&P 500 each year from 1996 through 1998, large-caps have attracted an increasing number of investors, who in turn have driven up demand and prices.

A potential bargain. Now, however, small-cap stocks are generally priced so low compared to large-caps that investors may not ignore them for long. Also, some analysts said, investors are finally concluding that large-caps' lead will eventually end and are diversifying into a broader range of stocks — including small-caps. And with many of the world's economies apparently on the mend, individual investors are increasingly willing to take on more risk and are considering small-company stocks.

Over long periods, small-cap stocks have generally rewarded investors for assuming the added risk and volatility. Make no mistake, small-company stocks can provide a bumpy ride, especially when interest rates increase or other events threaten economic growth. With fewer resources than large, established companies, they may be less able to withstand any adverse conditions. When small-caps jump, though, they often do so in spurts.

Diversification benefits. In addition to the potential for capital growth, small-caps offer other investment benefits. For example, because small-caps often react differently than large-company stocks to economic and market events, they may be an effective way to balance a portfolio that leans heavily to large-caps.

Are they for you? If you're looking for capital growth, small-cap stocks may be right for a portion of your portfolio. Because they can be quite volatile over the short term, consider them only as a long-term investment. You can invest in small-caps either by buying individual stocks or a mutual fund that invests in them.

If you prefer individual stocks, consider diversifying your small-cap investment among several different companies in a variety of industries. An easy way to invest and achieve instant diversification is to purchase shares of a small-cap stock mutual fund. Such a fund spreads your money across a professionally managed portfolio of dozens or hundreds of stocks.

With individual and institutional investors beginning to nibble at the bargains offered by small-caps, now may be an opportune time to invest. If you want more information about small-cap opportunities or advice on whether they are suitable for your goals, contact a knowledgeable financial advisor.

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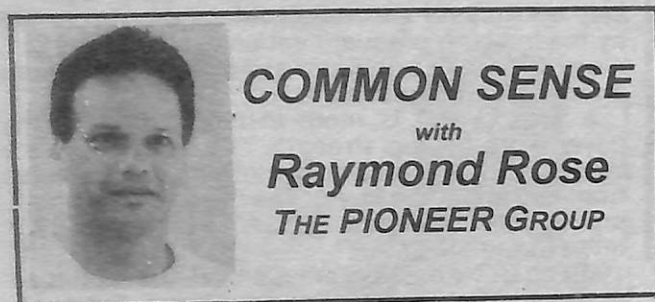
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Setting Goals

For me, goal-setting and goal-getting require a five-step process:

Be clear about what you want. Each and every person has a talent that he/she hasn't fully recognized yet. That's why it's important to brainstorm with yourself and others until your desires and strengths become clear.

Put your goals in writing, but be flexible. You can't have too many goals. I encourage people to write down at least 101 goals. Be sure to include at least 10 pie-in-the-sky, make-a-difference goals, such as feeding the hungry or educating the illiterate. These allow you to explore unique opportunities and capabilities that seem impossible.

Writing many goals will help you focus on the ones that are most important to you. This exercise

also creates more opportunities for achieving them.

Being specific about what you want also helps you focus on the ones that are most important to you. This exercise also creates more opportunities for achieving them.

Visualize. Select several goals at a time, and picture each one coming to fruition. To enhance the visualization process, go through magazines to find pictures that evoke what you are seeking. Use the pictures to envision yourself doing, feeling and being with your goals. The best time to do this is right before you go to sleep at night. I also write down my major goals on my daily to do list and review them throughout the day.

Make a list of people who can help you reach your goal. Identify at least one who can complement your strengths, cover the areas in which you're weak, and share your goals with you.

Remember, believe the impossible, and it will become attainable!

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Jacqueline Kelliher Joins Keenan And Molta Associates

Jacqueline Kelliher has joined Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates as a full-time sales associate working out of the West Springfield office, according to Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates.

Prior to joining COLDWELL BANKER, Kelliher met the Massachusetts real estate licensing requirements and completed FastStart and Discover the Difference, the comprehensive COLDWELL BANKER training program. Kelliher has over five years experience in residential and real estate sales.

"We are happy to have Jackie on our team," says Molta. "She has an excellent background in residential sales, and is extremely knowledgeable about the greater Springfield market."

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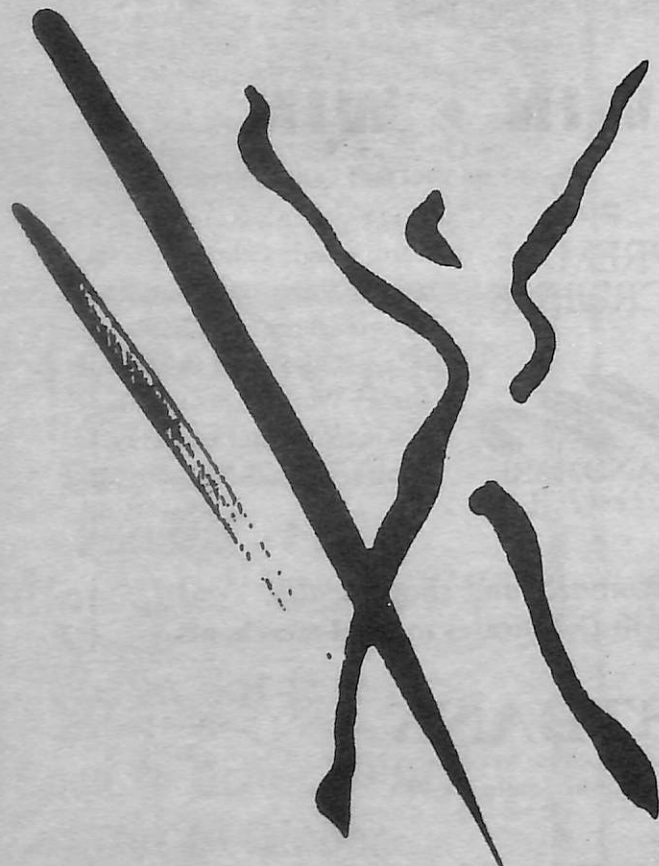
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READY TO SERVE THOSE HUNGRY RIVERSIDE PARK PATRONS! In left photo: Nick Beaudette, John Archembeault, Ed Borgatti, Jr. (owner of E.B.'s), Erica Molbury, and Mike Brunelle, Jr. In right photo: back row - Mike Brunelle, Doug Reed, "Crocodile Cal," and Ed Bogatti, Jr.; front row — Dan LaBreck, Mark Laurenzano, and Jeff Pirro.

E.B.'s Has Two Locations Inside Riverside Park

E.B.'s Restaurant, located at 385 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, recently opened two new locations inside Riverside Park.

"E.B.'s Island Grille," located in the center of Riverside's Island Kingdom Water Park, opened on the weekend of July 10th-11th. The second location, stationed in the "Startoon Hollywood Food Court" at the north end of the park, celebrated its opening on the weekend of July 24th-25th.

Both locations offer guests their choice of Grilled BBQ or Cajun Chicken sandwiches. The E.B.'s "Hollywood" food court also offers items such as Grilled Chicken, Cajun, or Caesar salads.

Any guest not interested in grilled chicken can enjoy a baked potato, potato skins, or french fries, also being served at the "Startoon Hollywood" food court.

"We are extremely excited to join the Riverside team," says E.B.'s owner, Ed Borgatti. "They are a first-class operation and to receive an invitation to be a part of their phenomenal growth is quite an honor. We feel the future holds great promise for this newfound relationship."

E.B.'s has two other "Express" locations, at 42 Main St. in Westfield and 82 Main St. in the Chicopee Falls area of Chicopee.

Cathy Brown Named Branch Mgr. At Woronoco In Swk.

Cornelius D. Mahoney, Chairman, President, and CEO of Woronoco Savings Bank, has announced that Cathy L. Brown was recently appointed manager of the Woronoco branch at the Ames/Big Y Plaza in Southwick.

Brown holds a bachelor of science degree from Springfield College. Formerly of SIS Bank, she brings with her 16 years of banking experience. Brown and her family reside in Springfield.

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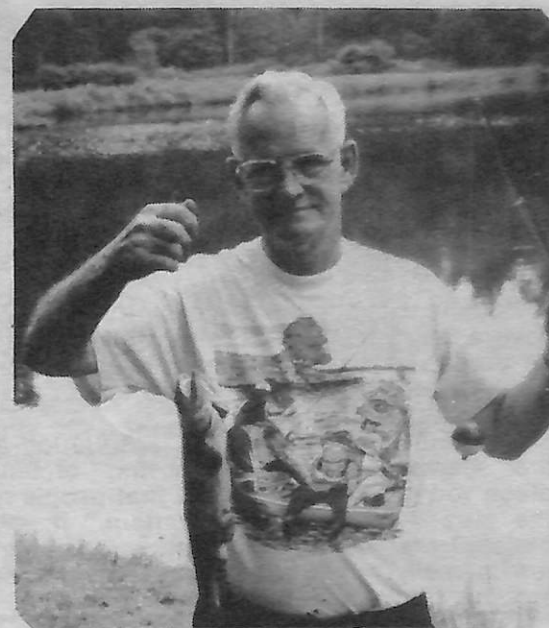
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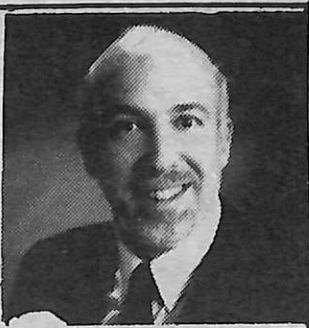
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You Can Calm Yourself Down!!!

Dear Dr. Steve: I greatly enjoyed hearing you speak at the Best Western - great stuff for practical living - on and off the job! Your advice on how to calm oneself down is worth repeating - it has helped me. Keep up the great advice and wisdom!

K.S. - Agawam

Comments: I appreciate you writing me! We did have a very valuable and enjoyable evening. We all need to be reminded of easy to use techniques when we feel stress (emotionally and/or physically) approaching.

I highly recommend, when a situation arises that seems to "press your button" or tends to place you in a reactive mode, that people repeat the phrase "molehill or mountain." If you say molehill, that means that the situation in the long-run is really not worth getting angry, upset, or argumentative, or defensive about.

This will clam your initial "hot" reaction. If you say "mountain," it means that the situation is "worth" investing more opinion, energy, thought in, BUT with the proper verbal tone and with the right words. It may also signal you to know that the situation is something you need to deal with, BUT you may want an afternoon or an evening to formulate a "game plan" borne of planning, NOT just rapid fire emotion!!!

Some people who have learned that they have the OPTION of saying "mountain" to themselves, also might reduce stress by saying, "Can I get back to you?" or "Let me digest this whole thing a bit before I make a decision."

You will feel more in control, and thus, less stressful and defensive.

ALERT: I just got a phone call - my hot water heater is leaking. Good time to say "molehill." Odds are that hot water heaters will be here long after I am gone and that life will not exempt me from other machines/equipment breaking down! I feel better already!!!

About Dr. Sobel: Dr. Steve Sobel has been writing for *The AAN* for over 10 years. He welcomes your questions/comments. He can be reached at Info@DrSteveSobel.Com or by writing (address below).

You may also wish to request info on his special late fall presentations open to the public the evening of November 18th ("If You Are Not Laughing, You Are Not Living - A Special Seminar Designed To Reduce Terminal Seriousness, Cope With Stress and Uplift Your Life) and the evening of December 2nd ("Play Hard or Go Home! - Providing World Class Customer Service And Creating A Superb Team").

Both will be held at Best Western Hotel, West Springfield. Address/write:

Dr. Steve Sobel, Speaker Extraordinaire, c/o The New England Institute For Stress Mgmt., 1200 Converse St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.

Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician



Salmonella Threat In Eggs Eliminated...

Americans eat over 70 billion eggs every year. But increasing scares about illness from eggs caused by salmonella, including a large outbreak over Memorial Day at IHOP (International House of Pancakes), have driven the U.S. government to require warning labels on all unpasteurized eggs that state unless hard cooked, they may be harmful to one's health.

Now, a new patented pasteurization process eliminates salmonella and other dangerous bacteria inside the shell, without altering the egg. Soon you will be able to enjoy your favorite french toast, cookie dough, or caesar salad without worrying about raw egg in the mix.

The FDA has approved a pasteurization process to make raw eggs safe. John Davidson, president of Pasteurized Eggs, L.P., says, "Salmonella enteritidis is found within the chicken, and therefore within the egg when the egg is laid. The only known way to rid that egg of that dangerous bacteria is through heat. Our pasteurization technology employs heat, kills the bacteria, and delivers an end product that is safe for the public to eat."

Support Groups At Noble Hospital

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, August 25th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

The topic on August 25th will be "Speech and Language Problems after a Stroke."

Support group participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings. Call 568-2811, ext. 5809, and leave a topic.

Diabetes: Tuesday, August 24th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Noble Hospital pharmacists Phil Spigarelli, R. Ph., and Stacy Bratton, Pharm. D., will review medications with Diabetes Support Group participants. (If you are planning to attend this meeting, please bring your current medications with you.)

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Davidson says, "Our pasteurization process delivers an egg that looks, cooks, and tastes exactly the same as an unpasteurized egg. The difference is that we eliminate all the harmful bacteria and deliver to your family an egg that they can have any way they want, with full peace of mind confidence that egg is safe to eat."

The patented process arrives as the government has proposed labels for shell eggs warning of the risk of salmonella, especially in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems.

The FDS requires food service establishments who serve risk groups to provide pasteurized eggs unless hard cooked. Overall, 30 percent of the U.S. population could be at higher risk of illness.

Experts blame this summer's salmonella problems on environmental contamination and resistant strains of the bacteria. Pasteurization kills all strains of salmonella.

The new pasteurized shell eggs will be on grocery store shelves beginning in October. For no more than 11 cents per week, consumers can have peace of mind while enjoying their eggs any way they like them.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association. She can be reached at 850 Springfield Street, Suite 4, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 786-2957. Accepting Tufts, Secure Horizons, and Harvard Pilgrim.

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For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Individual, Couple & Family Therapy ...when living on the edge can mean real living in the present.

Read more about this in my *FOR YOUR HEALTH* column.

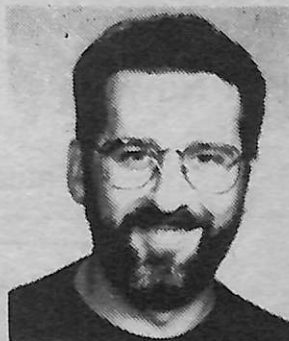
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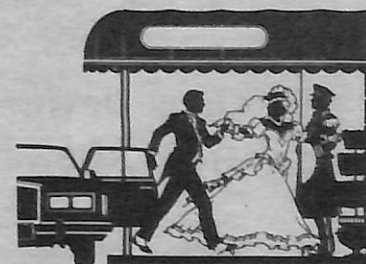


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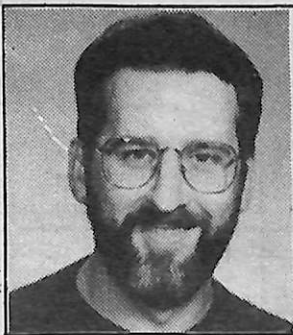
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Living On The Edge

If you use your past to give "excuse" to your present and future, then you will miss the opportunity of living life on the edge.

What does it mean to really live on the edge and in the present anyway? So many of us are stuck to a past that is so easily used to place blame and inhibit real good, healthy living.

Real living to me, for example, means opening myself to the vulnerability of writing this article each week. I live on the edge of getting real close to one of my passions with you each week. I strive to connect to what's real in your life never really knowing if I'm "successful." I struggle with not knowing if I'll be able to continue being "creative" and vulnerable.

I know that what I write about is right at the heart of my therapy practice, but more importantly, it is at the heart of what makes my life unique and delightful!

Notice I didn't say easy! Real living is hard work and one in which we can experience delight.

Much of the work, as I see it, centers on how to take personal responsibility for yourself. It is not about blaming relationships in your past, rather it is about claiming what I can do about it today!

I think it is very important not to cut-off from our family system, but to be connected to them in new and healthy ways. What can this mean for you? Stop! Please give this a moment before continuing.

To name a few examples from my own life, being connected in new and healthy ways means not reacting to my family system in old "familiar" ways such as: by trying to keep my parents' marriage together by not living my life, by addressing my behavior and stance around the excesses of alcohol and drug use in my family, and by facing the powerful unspoken messages surrounding the numerous obligatory events routinely requiring attendance.

I now am connected to my birth family and my parents' "negotiated" relationship by living out my life no longer being in the middle of them. I am very attentive to my own relationship to alcohol, particularly when in their presence. I am careful to promote spoken intentions and expectations with my birth family, family of choice, and with non-family relationships.

I believe this way of connected living to the important "family system" issues promotes healthy living. I advocate the naming of what is family-like, so as to make conscious (invisible loyalties) that can bind us and inhibit living on the edge as freely as possible.

Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, use my NEW e-mail address: AOL screen name: dpmft449 or continue to write me with your feedback, relationship questions and topics and "Let's Talk About It."



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Our "Back-To-School" issue is next week!

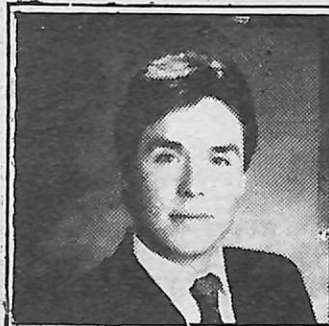
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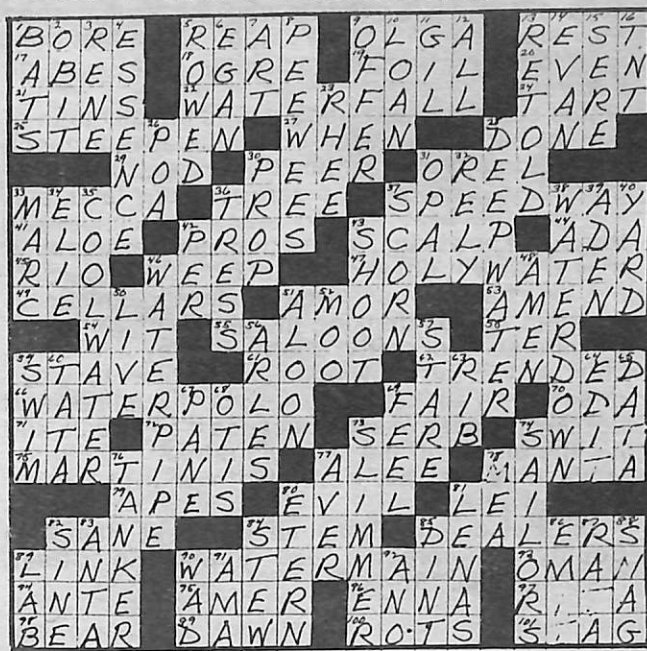
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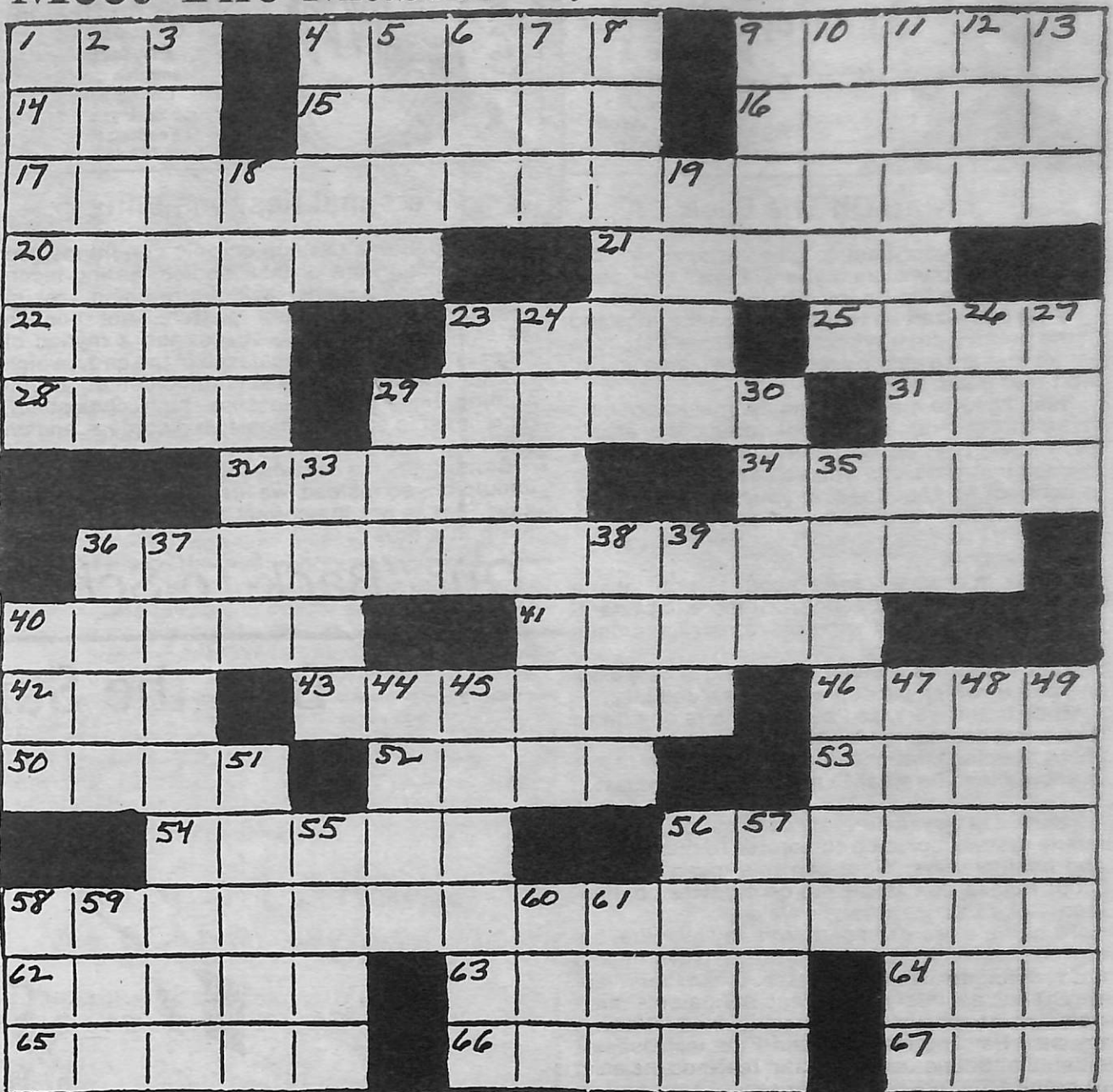
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: Our "Back-To-School" edition will be published next Thursday, August 26th. Because of the size of this edition, the deadline for ALL articles is Monday, August 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.



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With The Sounds Of Music Singers...

Richie And Kathy Mitnick To Appear At Taste Of Westfield

Richie and Kathy Mitnick and the Sounds of Music Singers will be performing on the Bandshell on Elm Street at 12:00 noon on August 29th in Westfield as part of the Taste of Westfield celebration.

Recently, the group performed on the Storowton Gazebo and kept a "wet" crowd happy on a damp, rainy night, and also performed in the Agawam Summer Concert Series to one of the largest crowds the town has ever seen.

Richie has been performing in the Summer Concert Series for many years, originally just performing on his Technics Digital instruments that he sells at Sounds of Music on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

In 1990, the same year that he married Kathy, he met Ethel Lee and Anne Provencher. Ethel is a greatly loved D.A.R.E. officer in West Springfield. She recently released her first CD that she recorded with Richie and Kathy. The demand for her disk has been incredible. It is available at Sounds of Music.

Anne, a resident of West Springfield, is the other original member of the group. She also has produced a wonderful CD that is available at Sounds of Music.

"I used to enjoy just doing the instrumental solos for the shows," Richie said. "As I got more and more involved with the vocalists, I began enjoying that experience so much. This is how the Sounds of Music Singers came into being."

"Doing our summer shows and Christmas concerts for the Agawam Rotary Club just kept getting bigger and bigger," Richie remarked. "As Kathy got more involved in the arrangements and performing the music, the expectations and demands were elevated to an even higher standard. I truly value and depend on my wife's input and suggestions on the music we perform," he added.

"Of all of the group's accomplishments, the new CD entitled 'Sounds of Music Singers - Our Music,' which we just completed, is our proudest moment," Richie and Kathy said. The new disk is available at Sounds of Music and features the entire group.

The opening song, "We're the Sounds of Music Singers," was written by Frank Newton of West Springfield, who also plays trumpet and sings with the group. He also shows his talent performing the song "A Wink and a Smile."

Other highlights that you will love are such great songs as "Moments to Remember," led by the fabulous Jessie Rivers. Jessie is a former Miss Senior Massachusetts and also has a CD of her own available at Sounds of Music.

You will also enjoy three songs performed by Ethel Lee and Anne Provencher, accompanied by Richie: "Sentimental Journey," "A Place in the Sun," and "This Little Light of Mine." These two ladies have a magic chemistry when they are paired together.

Andy Williams' beautiful theme song, "May Each Day," is performed by Tony Hartman, another very popular vocalist in the group.

"Standing on the Corner" features all of the "guys" in the group, including Rollie Jacobs. Yes, THE Rollie Jacobs. The well-renowned sportscaster is a member of the SOM Singers.

"He recently joined the group as our emcee, but has also proved invaluable in many numbers," said Richie. "We are proud to have Rollie with us."

The gorgeous song "Til There Was You" is featured on the disk by Vivian Ziemian, the wonderful soprano in the group. Jessie and the group do a great job on Peggy Lee's "Manana."

Vivian is joined on the Noel Coward hit, "I'll See You Again," by the group's newest member, Dr. Phil Moraitis. By day, Phil is an ophthalmologist/eye surgeon with Springfield Eye Associates. He also performs "Old Man River" on the new disk, and he received standing ovations each time he performed this number in the summer concerts.

"We'll Meet Again," the popular World War II song, is sung by Helen Omer, another former Miss Senior Massachusetts. The whole group backs her on this song, including Joyce Platt, who did much to select songs and do back-up for the group.

A highlight of the disk is the ladies singing "And All That Jazz," accompanied by Kathy on the Technics Digital ensemble piano. The last track on the disk (which is performed by all the members of the group) is "Those Were the Days," which is the culmination of the effort that went into producing this disk.

Richie and Kathy are very proud of the group and engagements are coming fast. They are performing two shows plus dancing on this special New Year's Eve at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield, as well as several shows at the Yankee Pedlar in October.



THE AREA VOCALISTS WHO COMPRISE the Sounds of Music Singers, featuring Richie and Kathy Mitnick. The singers are looking forward to performing at the upcoming Taste of Westfield celebration on Sunday, August 29th, on the Bandshell on Elm Street.

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"An Evening With Gershwin" Coming To Storowton

The Agawam Cultural Council will present "An Evening With Gershwin" with Paul Bisaccia, concert pianist, on Friday, October 29th, at the Carriage House, Storowton.

There will be a cocktail hour with entertainment by Pat Tobin singing songs of Frank Sinatra, and a full-course dinner will be served preceding the concert. Funds raised from this event will enable the Cultural Council to fund more programs for the schools, summer concerts, and the "First Friday" programs.

Bisaccia is the first person to record all of Gershwin's music for solo piano. His program, "Gershwin By Bisaccia," has been seen by television audiences throughout the United States and is constantly being aired in syndication.

Bisaccia has received excellent reviews for his classical technique to faithful recreations of Gershwin's own piano arrangements. His program will include pieces by Gershwin, Debussy, and Ravel.

Bisaccia has performed throughout the United States and on National Public Radio. He has received many awards, and his concerts for First Night, Hartford are standing-room-only events. He has also performed at Old First Church in Springfield, and has given several other concerts in this area.

Tickets for this benefit concert are \$23 per person and \$35 for patrons who will be listed in the program booklet. For tickets, call (413) 733-4910 or (413) 737-5945; tickets will also be available at Sounds of Music, 1060 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Support for this event will enable the Cultural Council to present free programs for all the citizens of Agawam.

Clambake & BBQ Party To Benefit The Theater Project

A Clambake & BBQ Fundraising Party to benefit the Theater Project will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at The Elks Pavilion on Morgan Road in West Springfield.

A choice of dinners will be available, including lobsters and steamed clams (\$31), surf & turf (\$28), and chicken BBQ (\$18), all served with corn on the cob, garden salad, and rolls. Kids' meals are also available for \$6. Admission to the event without dinner will be \$15.

Entertainment will be provided by several "alumni" of various Theater Project productions, including the Majestics and Splendid Blend (comprised of several cast members of *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story*), as well as Ray Guilmette, Jr., and his fellows performers from *Leader of the Pack*.

The event will be held rain or shine from 3:00-9:00 p.m. and will also feature games, free door prizes, and a full bar. Tickets can be ordered by obtaining an order form at the Majestic Theater at 131 Elm Street in West Springfield, or by calling the Theater Project box office at (413) 747-7797.



THE MEMBERS OF THE EIGHT-PIECE BAND "Brass Attack," whose August 25th performance will cap off the 1999 Agawam Summer Entertainment Series.

"Brass Attack" To Perform In Agawam On Wed., August 25th

The 1999 Agawam Summer Entertainment Series will come to an end on Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. with a performance by the band "Brass Attack."

Admission is free and the performance will be held rain or shine.

The eight-piece, horn-influenced band plays their interpretation of the greatest hits of the '70s,

'80s, and '90s. They have been featured at numerous fairs and festivals as well as many local dance clubs.

The series is sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club. The night's entertainment is sponsored by Berkshire Power, LLC.

Call 789-7393 for more information.

Auditions Slated For WTG's Upcoming "A Christmas Carol"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, is holding auditions for "A Christmas Carol," to be directed by Kathleen Palmer. This musical rendition will be held on December 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th, at the Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Auditions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7th and 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone from ages 10 through adult is encouraged to audition, as there are multiple parts available (both chorus and solo roles).

Everyone auditioning should be prepared to

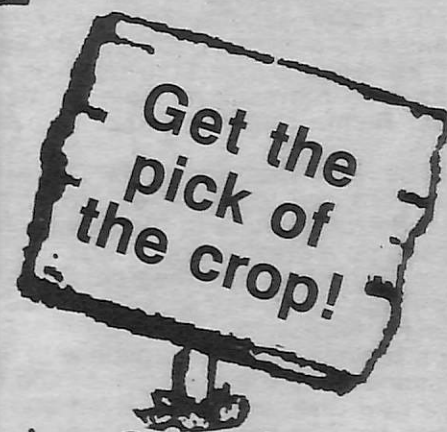
sing a short musical number, such as a Christmas song. Some music will be available, but it is suggested that everyone bring something of their own choice. Everyone auditioning will be required to read from the script.

Rehearsals will be held in the early evening, most likely Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, with some weekend rehearsals possible. Please call the theatre at 572-6838 should you have any questions.

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Summertime Activities For Pack 77...



IN LEFT PHOTO: The circus came to town for the first week of Cub Scout Day Camp at the Springfield Turnverein. Pack 77 Cub Scouts Alex Cummings, Josh Blood, Brian Toussaint, Joseph Slaimen, and Sam Monahan enjoyed a week of nature, archery, BB guns, sports, and games while completing requirements for badges and pins. The week "under the big top" ended with snowcones, face-painting, games, and awards. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Pack 77 Webelos turned into electric eels for a week of Under the Sea Cub Scout Day Camp. The week of arts and crafts, nature study, BB guns, archery, and sports was a fun time, plus helped the boys towards their Webelos' badges. Top row: Sean Walsh, Devan Gardner, Anthony Langone, Josh Blood, Brett Barker, and Ryan Sullivan. Bottom row: Nick Abraham, Stephen Liptak, Dan Matroni, Nick Sliech, Dan Anderson, and James Devoe.

"Get Acquainted Program" For New Kindergarten Pupils

It's that time of year once again. The Agawam Elementary Schools, along with School Services, will be holding the "Get Acquainted Program" for kindergarten students.

This is a chance for the incoming kindergarten students to take the bus to school and "get acquainted." We hope this is helpful to the child as well as the parent or caregiver.

If you have any questions, please call your school. Hope to see you there!

Listed below is the schedule for the "Get Acquainted Program" for kindergarten students.

August 26th - Clark: K a.m. — bus pick-up time, 8:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 9:55 a.m.; K

p.m. — bus pick-up time, 9:25 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:30 a.m.

August 26th - Phelps: K a.m. — bus pick-up time, 8:25 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:00 a.m.; K p.m. — bus pick-up time, 9:25 a.m., leave school to return home, 11:00 a.m.

August 27th - Robinson: K a.m. — bus pick-up time, 8:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:00 a.m.; K p.m. — bus pick-up time, 9:30 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:30 a.m.

August 31st - Granger: K a.m. — bus pick-up time, 8:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 10:15 a.m.; K p.m. — bus pick-up time, 9:45 a.m., leave school to return home, 11:15 a.m.

A retirement party for The AAN's photographer, Jack Devine, will be held at Chez Josef on Sunday, September 12th. For tickets and further information, see the ad on Page 29...

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Agawam Cadettes Earn The Girl Scout Silver Award

Six Agawam girls, members of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 549, have earned the Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest achievement in Girl Scouting, and the top recognition a Cadette Girl Scout can earn.

Nichole Circosta-Aspinall, Kelly Doyle, Rachel Keenan, Caroline Reed, and Allison Siedlik were presented the Silver Award at a recent banquet held by Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council to honor this year's awardees.

When the girls of Troop 549 heard the adult Girl Scouts in Agawam were planning an area-wide camporee at Camp Bonnie Brae, they pitched in to help. The six girls took on the responsibility of planning all the activities for the camping weekend. They chose badges to be earned and activities to be enjoyed, they organized a campfire and a great closing ceremony to remind the girls of the friendships made during the weekend.

The Girl Scout Silver Award is presented annually to those Cadette Girl Scouts who have put into action a plan for helping others and helping their community. The Silver Award symbolizes a girl's efforts in a wide range of Girl Scout experiences, including self-improvement, building leadership skills, knowing herself better, and developing a commitment to working for bettering the lives of others.

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John Higgins III On Dean's List At Providence

John Higgins III of Agawam, a biology-science major, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the spring 1999 semester.

To achieve Dean's List status, a student must attain a 3.25 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a "C."

Providence College is the only college or university in North America administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,800 students and offers degrees in 37 academic majors.

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AHS Schedules Freshmen Tours For Wed., August 25th

On Wednesday, August 25th, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m., members of the Agawam High School staff will be conducting tours for the incoming class of 2003.

The guided tours are designed to help the freshmen become familiar with the building and ease the nervousness involved with starting high school.

Freshmen are to gather outside of the guidance office for the tours.

Back-To-School News From AHS

Guidance counselors will be available on August 25th, 26th, 27th, 30th, and 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to address all new enrollment concerns.

All new students should sign-in at the Guidance Office and will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis for proper registration.

If you have any questions on new enrollments, call the Guidance Office at 821-0527.

During the first week of school, teachers will be giving students class expectation handouts. Students will be instructed to take the handout home to read and to have the handout signed by a parent or guardian. The signed expectations will then be returned to the appropriate teachers. If a parent or guardian would like a copy of the class expectations, let the teacher know on the class expectation handout that is to be returned.

All students are encouraged to purchase locks. Remember, it is your responsibility to protect personal and school items to the best of your ability.

Just in case it slipped your mind, the High School starts promptly at 7:25 a.m. *It is imperative that you leave home early.*

AHS SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION

Your 1999-2000 school schedule will be given to you on Thursday, September 2, 1999, the first day of school. When you arrive to school on Thursday, your schedule will be available at the following school locations:

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Elizabeth Christian To Attend Bates

Elizabeth F. Christian of Agawam is among 491 high school graduates who will be attending Bates College in the fall.

Christian, a graduate of the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut, is the daughter of James and Judith Christian, 78 Valentine St.

Located midway between the coast and mountains in south-central Maine, Bates is a 144-year-old undergraduate college of liberal arts and sciences and is rated among the top 20 national liberal-arts colleges by "U.S. News & World Report."

Bates offers majors in 24 academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, and encourages independent study, research with faculty members, and participation in off-campus programs.

Openings At Perry Lane

Perry Lane Nursery School (operated by the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department) has a few openings for the coming school year.

Children must be three years-old by September 30, 1999 to attend either the Tuesday/Thursday session (9:00-11:30 a.m.) or the Monday/Wednesday/Friday session (12:30-3:00 p.m.).

For more information, please call the Recreation Department at 821-0514.

Check our classifieds...

Boxtops Collection To Continue At James Clark School

James Clark School wants to remind everyone to continue collecting those boxtops, UPC's, and receipts over the summer. As this past year has shown, those points add up into TV's, a VCR, recess equipment, and boxtop cash.

So, during this summer, don't throw out those boxtops and UPC's, but save them for back to school in September.

Please save your General Mills BoxTops for Education, Campbell/Pepperidge Farm labels, Duracell Battery UPC's, Kool Aid points, and lids from Stonyfield Farm Yogurts, Brigham's Ice Cream, and Elan Frozen Yogurt.

Also, receipts from Bob's Stores, Men's Wearhouse, KMart ShoeMart, The Big Party, Monro Muffler/Brake, Pep Boys, and Hit or Miss.

With everyone saving, our points will quickly add up and we can continue to earn valuable items for our school. Thanks, and see you in September!

"First Time Bus Riders Program" To Be Wed., Aug. 25th

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again sponsoring the "First Time Bus Riders Program" on Wednesday, August 25th, at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

The program features the "Safety Bug" and is designed for Agawam and Feeding Hills children who will be taking a school bus for the first time this year.

Information is available by calling Donna Shibley at 786-3888. Parking is available at the Agawam High School Circle.

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Sports

Inheriting A Proud Athletic Legacy...

Kirk Parker Named New Coach Of AHS's Varsity Wrestling Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

When Phil Tomkiel stepped down as the Agawam High varsity wrestling coach this past season, many thought he could never be replaced.

It was quite a run - 25 years at the helm; Western Mass. crowns from 1987 to 1996 and 1998; two state titles in 1988 and 1995; a slew of All-Western Mass. and All-State champions, and a place in the New England and National Coaches' Hall of Fame.

Long & Exhaustive Search

After a long and exhaustive search, a new coach was found right in our own backyard, from the ranks of Agawam athletics - Kirk Parker. Parker has a lineage of his own that makes him right for this most prestigious of jobs. Besides being part of the Agawam athletic scene for many years (suburban football and the head freshman football coach), he was the wrestling coach in Enfield for the past 25 years.

He attended Suffield Academy, went to Yale University, and ended up his collegiate career at Springfield College, graduating in 1974. He wrestled at all those schools. His career in the sport started early. "I was wrestling at 10 years-old and I had a great teacher - my dad," Parker noted.

His dad, Doug, was the head varsity wrestling coach at Springfield College for 35 years. "He taught me just about everything I know," Parker smiled, then added, "But there is always more to learn. It's a process that goes on and on."

The Agawam varsity wrestling coaching position is the prime job of its kind in Western Mass. The rest of the programs in the area have been, for the most part, all show and no go (a school winning the Western Mass. title here and there, like a spike on a pulse chart).

"A tradition has been established here. You don't go into that gym in the winter or prepare for what lies ahead without a total commitment to the sport of wrestling. That's the way it was and it will be that way as long as I'm involved," Parker



KIRK PARKER

said.

There's an old adage - "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That's the way the new coach sees the AHS wrestling program. "Coach Tomkiel had a good system. We'll go from what he built. I don't anticipate changing anything," Parker said.

For his part, Tomkiel had this to say. "Every coach has his own style; a way of doing the job. Kirk is a no-nonsense type of guy. I've known him for many years. He's the right choice for the position."

There are many reasons besides the tradition of the sport in Agawam that makes this job a benchmark in Western Mass. "I think the whole line of coaches, from the top down, is important. Coach Tomkiel had guys like Gary Geiger and Jim Piero as assistants. We have Chris Chechile now. They were all outstanding wrestlers in the program. Also, we have other wrestlers come back just to spend some time working with the kids. The whole thing is like a self-fulfilling prophecy," Parker said.

High Motivation Level

Tomkiel always said Agawam wrestling doesn't rebuild, they reload. Parker agreed. "If you look at the history of Agawam wrestling over the past 15 years or so, you'll see that they rarely lost, and when they lost, it was not by more than five or 10 points. The motivation level is so high here. Even when they lose, in a way they win and the competition knows that."

Right now, the AHS back gym, the heat of winter competition, might seem far away in the heat of this summer. But time never waits. The new season will come soon enough.

"Ludlow won Western Mass. and they've served notice. They'll have 13 of their 14 kids back from that team. The gauntlet has been thrown down. It will be up to us to pick it up. Everything is right in front of our team," Parker observed.

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Agawam Soccer Players Recount Trip To England

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They flew across the pond to learn how soccer is played in Europe. They had a seven hour flight; were awake for close to 35 hours when they got there; had food that could have been better; were subjected to some tough education relating to soccer; saw some things they would rather not have seen; saw some great things they'll never forget, and experienced a whole new way of life.

"I'd do it again. It was a lot of fun. I learned a lot, despite some of the things," Agawam High soccer player Courtney Adamczyk smiled last Sunday as she looked back on it all. (Courtney and senior Sheri Benton went to England a week ago, for a high intensity soccer clinic.)

What made the trip to England to learn more about soccer so special? "The people Sheri and I went with had something to do with it. They were talented girls from all over New England. They were all so friendly. You get on a huge plane and fly for seven hours over a dark ocean. There is always some concern. You are anxious and maybe a little scared. Being with the group calms you down."

She added the reason they stayed up for so long when they got to England. "There's a time lag. Your body is all messed up. Day is night and night is day. We lost about eight hours of sleep on the plane because none of us could sleep. We got off the plane at eight in the morning the next day. Usually, most of us would have been fast asleep for a long time at that time. They kept us up to acclimate us on what to expect. They knew what they were doing," Courtney smiled.

The soccer part of their 10-day sojourn was tough. "It opened my eyes. We had double and triple sessions, starting at 9:00 in the morning to 11:30. Then there was lunch and personal time. We went back for a 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. session. After that, it was 7:00 to 9:00. You could do that there because the sun in that part of the world doesn't set until 10:00 o'clock at night.

"And I learned so much. I used to get beaten up so much. They taught me that you have to be aggressive all over the field, that you are as good as anyone you play. You have to pass the ball, go for the shot, and go for the ball when you are on defense. They emphasized quickness and one-touch soccer along with tactics," Courtney said.

Then she added, "They put us up against soccer teams with girls 10 years older than us, including some women's pro teams. We went one and six in our games. I'll never forget our battle against Julie Hemsley's pro team. (Hemsley ran the entire camp - see AAN 8/5/99). We lost 14-0. But we never quit. That was a lesson for all of us. They were bigger and better and that made us, a bunch of kids, better. We didn't fold our tents. We became so intense in that game."

The two girls saw many things there. "We stayed in a little town called Ardingly, about an hour outside of London. It was all cows and sheep and big soccer fields. When the staff wasn't drilling us in soccer, which was most of the time, we got to sample what it was like to live in England by going to London," Courtney said.

Nothing Like Here

What was it like? "I'll tell you," Courtney admit-



COURTNEY ADAMCZYK (far left) and SHERI BENTON (far right) on a tour bus through London (the Tower of London is in the background).

ted. "Nothing there is like it is here; the people, the food, and even the weather. The people there are cold to a point. They seemed so angry that our women's team won the World Cup. The food was, if I should say it the way it should be said, awful. There was no ice in the soda. They have no idea of what a grilled cheese sandwich might be. If you go to a place and ask for a grinder, you get a bunch of salad between two slices of bread. I'm not putting it down. It is so different.

"They took us to a men's match at Charlton Stadium. They were teams from the English Professional Soccer League. According to what I heard, the teams and the fans hated each other. It must have been true, because the fans were

separated by at least 100 policemen. They got into some kind of riot and they were throwing guys out left and right," Courtney noted.

We can't ignore the good things they saw. "I wanted to see Buckingham Palace. But, we kind of raced by it on our tour bus. We did see Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Saint Paul's Cathedral, the London Bridge, the Tower of London, and Windsor Castle," Courtney said.

The two Agawam soccer players, Courtney (who will be a junior) and Sheri (who won the MVP at the camp and will be a senior), will take this experience into the fall season. The program will be all the better for their trip to London.

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"WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT???" The girls' soccer clinic in England, as well as their free time as tourists, was both an educational and enjoyable experience.



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Profile...

Greg Jubinville Has Fond Memories Of 1999 Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The new school year is rapidly approaching, and many of the former seniors at Agawam High School are about ready to tackle the next level of their education. One of them is scholar-athlete and lacrosse standout Greg Jubinville.

The six-foot, 186-pound former Brownie turned 18 on March 11th. He spent all four years of his higher education at Agawam High. He was a two-year member of the National Honor Society, a many-time honor roll student, winner of an academic letter to go along with his athletic ones, and was a peer tutor.

Greg's favorite course was physics. Joseph Fitzgerald was his top teacher. This weekend, Greg will be heading down the Mass. Pike to Worcester, where he'll begin his freshman year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He plans to major in electrical engineering.

Also, he hopes to play rugby, lacrosse, and hockey for the Engineers.

During his AHS career, Greg played hockey as a freshman, sophomore, and junior and lacrosse in his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Lacrosse was his favorite sport, where he started as a midfielder, recorded 15 points, and gave a solid performance on defense.

Greg's most memorable sports moments came during the 1999 lacrosse season. The first was beating Northampton, 9-7, to make the playoffs. Then there was the playoff game against Minnechaug Regional, a tough 5-4 loss. "Despite that, all of us felt it was the best game we had ever played together," Greg noted of the team, which ended up at 7-11.

His read on the spring season goes like this. "Lacrosse has come a long way in my time here. We made the playoffs for the first time after getting just one win in our first year and four in our second season of varsity competition. And we beat West Side twice this year, which makes things even better," he added.

Greg says he doesn't have any one favorite food. "I'll eat just about anything as long as it's

good," he said.

Green is his color of choice.

A Mazda Miata is his choice for wheels. "It's a great looking car. Our neighbors have one and I tell them if it's not in their garage some morning, look across the street because it will be in my driveway," he laughed.

Two Favorite Athletes

Greg has two favorite athletes. In the pros, it's the 'Rock,' a wrestler in the WWF. Lacrosse teammate Glenn Corlett is tops for him in the amateur ranks.

Greg likes to kick back and hang out at Nick D'Angelo's house. "Nick is a good friend of mine," he said.

Greg likes anything comfortable in the way of clothes. He usually buys them at Abercrombie and Fitch.

"I like all kinds of music except country," he noted. His top bands are Dave Mathews and Phish. He went to see Mathews when they were in Hartford recently. "Luckily, we missed the riots they had there," he said.

Two offerings on the tube are tops for him - "WWF Raw is War" and "The Man Show."

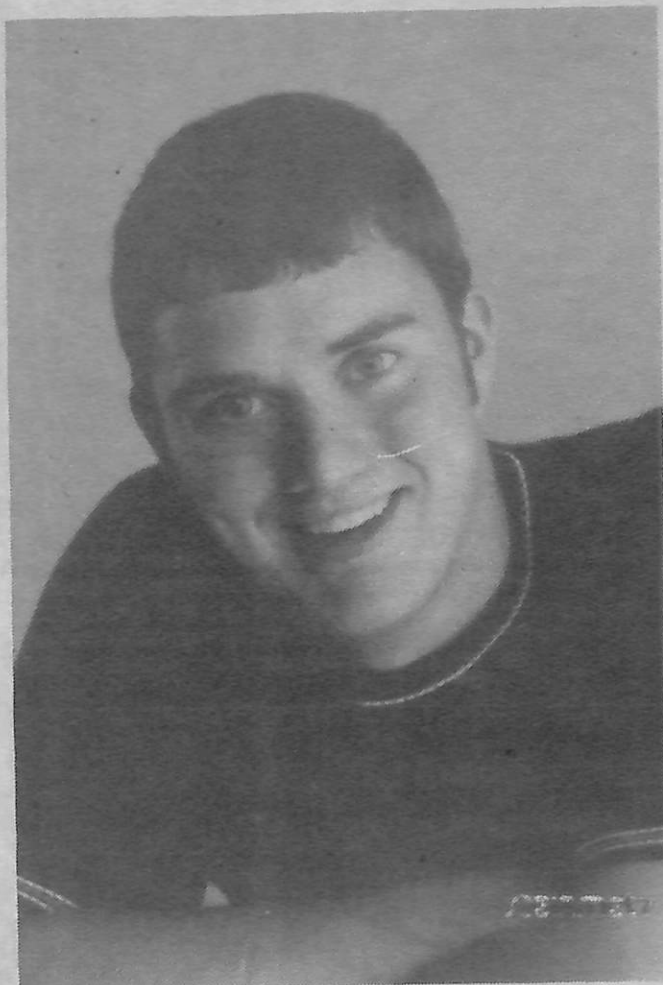
"Austin Powers, International Man of Mystery," is his favorite flick.

His mom is Dianne. Lincoln is his dad. He has a sister, Melissa (15), who is an outstanding hockey player and will be attending the Berkshire School this fall on a hockey scholarship. He also has a stepbrother, Joel (12).

Greg says his friend and lacrosse teammate, Bryan Lavin, is the person he looks up to. "Bryan is a good kid, smart, and he keeps his nose clean."

Greg would like to be remembered at AHS as a good student, good athlete, good friend, and an all-around good kid.

Lacrosse Coach Nick St. George called Greg a tough, talented athlete who complemented the high scorers in the Brownie midfield.



GREG JUBINVILLE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: Our "Back-To-School" edition will be published next Thursday, August 26th. Because of the size of this edition, the deadline for ALL articles is Monday, August 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.

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4-H Scholarship Fund Receives Grant For \$1,000

The 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund has received a \$1,000 grant from the Hampden County Improvement League. The League is a long-established organization that promotes agriculture within Hampden County through education, scholarships, grants, and support of 4-H.

The 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund honors past members, volunteers, and leaders of 4-H. The family of A. Scott Phillips of East Longmeadow originally established the 4-H Memorial Scholarship in memory of Mr. Phillips' many years of service to 4-H. Mr. Phillips was an enthusiastic 4-H volunteer, leading clubs in poultry, rabbit, dog obedience, and photography.

He encouraged youth to take responsibility, set goals, and work constructively to attain them. He inspired children to do their best and sent many of his club members on to Eastern States Exposition and National 4-H events.

The Hampden County Improvement League has made additional contributions to the 4-H Memorial Scholarship Fund in remembrance of Albert Christopher of Agawam, Marti and Dexter Hierschie of Ludlow, Phyllis Potter of Wales, Molly Higgins of South Hadley, and Thomas Hierschie of Ludlow.

Fishing Tournament To Be Held In Honor Of Stephen J. Cass

On March 29, 1998, 21 year-old Stephen Jonathon Cass of Westfield died from a brain injury. In honor of Stephen and his love of fishing, a fishing tournament will be held on Sunday, September 12th, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at Congamond Lakes in Southwick. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the Aitken Neuroscience Center in New York. This non-profit agency is committed to brain injury research, brain death, and education.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$100 per team of two people and pre-registration is not required. There is a bass six-fish limit per team. One thousand dollars will be awarded to the first-place winner and six other cash prizes will be awarded.

The tournament is sponsored by the Stephen Jonathon Cass Memorial Committee. For more information or registration forms, contact Jodi Lee Potts at 413-572-4261 or Barbara Robitaille at 413-568-7127.

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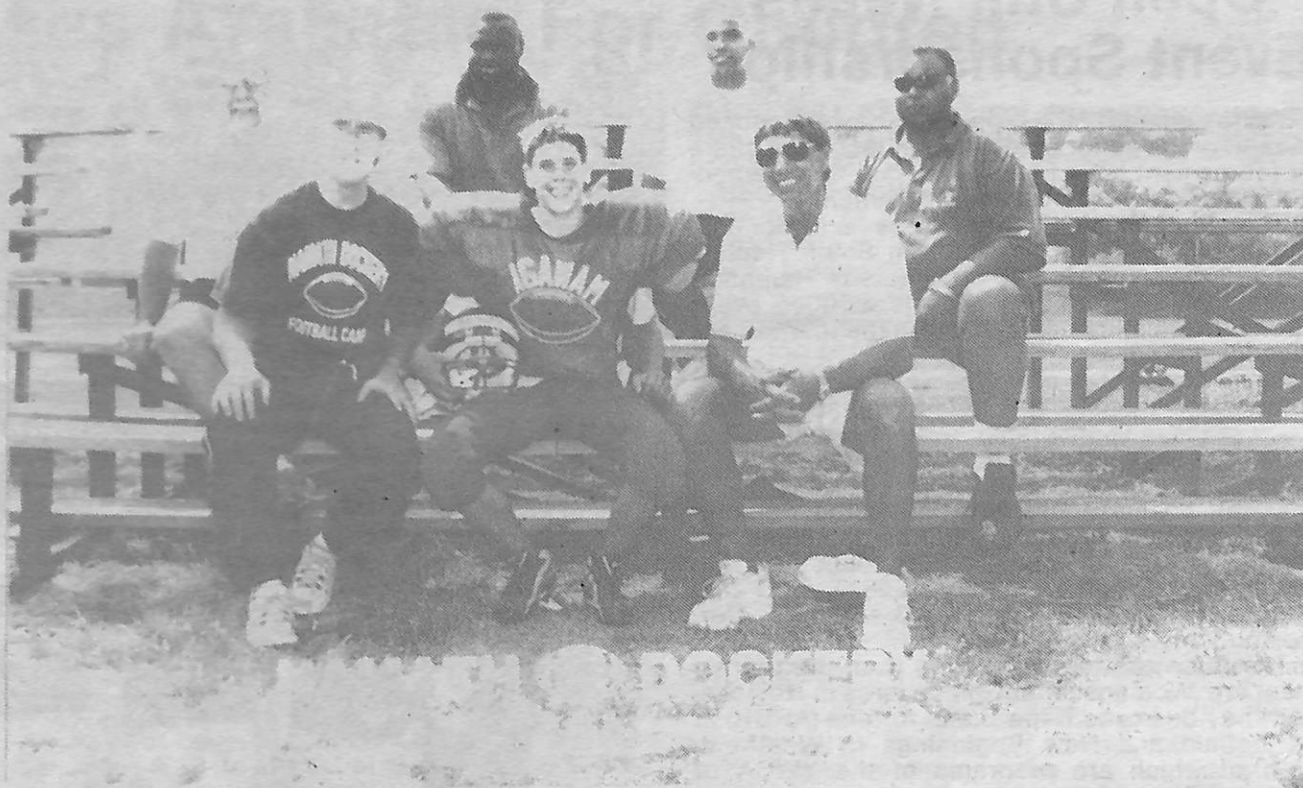
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The tournament, taking place on Monday, August 30th, at The Orchards in South Hadley, benefits battered women's shelters in Hampden County. Although all the golf slots are filled, event sponsors are still needed to make the tournament a success.

Local businesses are invited to participate as a tournament sponsor, or a hole/tee/green sponsor. Each of these sponsorship levels offer maximum visibility, and 100 percent of the money raised goes directly to charity.

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Senator Melconian is an active and vocal supporter of women's shelters in her district. As the Majority Leader and the highest-ranking woman in the Massachusetts State Senate, Melconian lobbies on behalf of women and children across Western Massachusetts.

August 26th Is The Date For AHS Girls' Volleyball Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for the 1999 Agawam High School girls' volleyball team will be held on Thursday, August 26th, at the Agawam High School gymnasium at 9:00 a.m.

Athletes should wear shorts and T-shirts to practice in, along with good supporting sneakers and knee pads.

Coach Patricia Demers states that those trying out will not be allowed to practice until they've had a physical at the High School or bring in a form from their own doctor.

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Keenan's Office Has River Guide For Users Of Westfield River

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to share with his constituents a user's guide to the Westfield River. Anyone interested in obtaining a *Westfield River User's Guide* should contact Rep. Keenan's office at (413) 786-4545.

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WATER BABIES: Ages 9-15 months. Class meets on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or on Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m. A playful parenting program specially designed for children and parents to share a special time together in the pool. Parent and child will play, sing, and splash in a secure, caring environment which creates a positive attitude towards water and exercise while encouraging motor skill development. Children who are not potty trained must wear a swim diaper.

LITTLE DIPPERS: Ages 15 months-2½ years. Class meets on Tuesdays from 10:15-11:00 a.m. A playful parenting program specially designed for children and parents to share a special time together in the pool. Parent and child will play, sing, and splash in a secure, caring environment which creates a positive attitude towards water and exercise while encouraging motor skill development. Children who are not potty trained must wear a swim diaper.

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share this special time together. Class meets once per week for eight weeks.

MIDGET MANIA/LITTLE DIPPERS: Ages 15 months-2½ years. Class meets on Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:15 p.m. This class is geared to a child's first experience in water WITH their parent! A positive, fun water awareness is designed to enhance the child's ability to become confident in the water. In this class, we begin by teaching the basic fundamentals of swimming, such as blowing bubbles, "reach & pull," getting the face wet, splashing, and floating on their backs. Class will alternate each week swimming and gym. Class begins with swimming the first week.

TODDLER SWIM & GYM: Ages 2½-3½ years. This class is geared to a child's first experiences in water without their parent. Positive, fun water awareness is designed to enhance the child's ability to become confident in the water. In this class, we begin by teaching the basic fundamentals of swimming, such as blowing bubbles, "reach & full," getting the face wet, splashing, and floating on their backs. This class also helps young ones become confident with a teacher/student role. A 30- to 40-minute pool session, followed by a 30-minute gym period.

NOVICE SWIM & GYM: Ages 3½-five years. Class meets on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. or Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. This class teaches the swimmer to get into water alone, blow bubbles, bob 10 times in chest-deep water, float, kick (with support, if necessary), and move arms for front crawl. The swimming portion is followed by a 30-minute gym period in Studio II that focuses on our new obstacle course, trampoline, and slides.

NOTE: THE CLASSES LISTED BELOW REQUIRE CHILDREN TO TAKE A "SKILLS TEST" PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN THE CLASS. SKILLS

TESTS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 26th AT FITNESS FIRST'S POOL BETWEEN 5:00-6:00 P.M.

BEGINNER SWIM & GYM: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Mondays from 12:15-1:45 p.m. This program teaches the swimmer to hold his/her breath and swim under water, float, perform the back crawl and front crawl, jump into the pool, and turn over from front to back and back to front. The swimming portion is followed by a 30-minute gym period that focuses on the obstacle course, trampoline, and slides.

BEGINNER SWIM: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 4:15-5:00 p.m., or Saturdays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. This program teaches the swimmer to hold his/her breath and swim under water, float, perform the back crawl and front crawl, jump into the pool, and turn over from front to back and back to front.

ADVANCED BEGINNER: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Thursdays from 6:15-7:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m. This class teaches the swimmer to bob 15 times in deep water, tread water for two minutes, perform rotary breathing, swim 1½ lengths of the pool, reverse direction at wall, scull, glide with push-off, breaststroke, and scissors kick. Introduces the student to the front crawl, backstroke, sidestroke, and breaststroke.

INTERMEDIATE: Ages vary depending upon level of skill. Class meets Wednesdays from 5:15-6:00 p.m. This class will teach the swimmer alternate breathing, stride jump, breaststroke, sidestroke, butterfly kick, extensions of the front and back crawl, and open front and back turns.

For more information, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or visit our website at www.fitnessfirst.net!

At Agawam Country Club On September 23rd...

Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Slates Nine-Hole Golf Social

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce announces plans for their second Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at Agawam Country Club.

The Chamber is hosting the fall afternoon of golf and business networking to offer Agawam business people an opportunity to meet for a golf outing without having to take an entire day off from work.

Tee times will be set up between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. allowing for foursomes to complete a nine-hole scramble and then gather for a light buffet and networking in the Clubhouse.

"Everyone that played last year suggested that the Chamber continue the tradition. In addition to the fun, the Chamber is pleased to offer another opportunity for area business men and women to

meet, introduce themselves, and expand their network of business contacts here in Agawam," said Linda Northup Vitro, president of the Agawam Chamber.

"The Agawam Chamber golf social is a business networking event open to all. All levels of players are welcome," Northup Vitro added.

The price per golfer is \$25 and includes green fees, cart, and refreshments and prizes. Space is limited to 60 golfers.

For more information or an application to play, call the Agawam Chamber at 413-787-1555.

St. Mary's School's Golf Classic Slated

St. Mary's School's 10th Annual Golf Classic will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd, at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

The \$90 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course, use of locker and shower facilities, a prime rib dinner, and prizes.

The prizes include a car donated by Sarat Ford of Agawam; a spa from Jelly Belly Pools & Spas; our famous "closest to the pin" contest for a pair of round-trip airline tickets from Erin World Travel.

To register, please call the school's Development Office at 568-1160 before September 17th. (Shaker Farms Country Club REQUIRES the use of soft spikes.)

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On Sunday, August 22nd...

Riverside To Debut New England's 1st Figure 8 Trailer Race

On Sunday, August 22nd, fans at Riverside Park Speedway will witness a New England motorsports first — trailers racing through the Figure 8! Featuring pop-up campers, boats, hardside campers, and many trailers of all shapes and sizes being towed by Enduro race cars, this event will be a crowd pleaser for all ages.

"It's the most amazing thing," stated David Deery, Director of Auto Racing at the historic Agawam, Massachusetts quarter-mile oval. "The trailers crash, flip, bounce, and break until the last one trailing wins!"

Deery pioneered the wild event at the Rockford (Illinois) Speedway before taking over the reigns at Riverside Park prior to the 1999 season. "Our fans are in for an event like they've never seen; it's really a unique and crazy race with the trailers racing around the track."

Deery said he expects over 20 entries for the trailer race ensuring a sensational race for bragging rights among the competitors. Also in action on Sunday, August 22nd, will be Full Size and 4 Cylinder Enduro divisions, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, the Jimmy Fund Police division, Spectacular Drags, and the new and improved Di-Hard Truck division.

New England's first-ever Figure 8 Trailer Race continues a full season of Riverside Park's famous "Thrills and Spills" series, where anything goes! Events are held on Sundays and include a mix of outrageous races that bring the crowd to its feet every time.

The Enduros are the most popular events, where 50 to 60 cars (driven by amateur race drivers) charge through the infamous "X" in the center of the track. Some cars crash while others barely get through, making for some of the most exciting races of the season.

For more information about Riverside Park Speedway's "Thrills and Spills" series, call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web.

A Return Engagement...

ISMA Modifieds To Return To Riverside On Sat., August 21st

The powerful International Super Modified Association (ISMA) Modifieds will return to Riverside Park Speedway for the second and final time on Saturday, August 21st. Touted as the fastest short-track race cars in existence, the mighty ISMA machines will headline an exciting program comprised entirely of open-wheeled racing divisions.

Also scheduled to compete in the "Open Wheel Spectacular" will be the Northeastern Midget Association (NEMA) midgets, American Three-Quarter Midget Racing Association (ATQMRA) midgets, and Legends cars in an INEX National Qualifier event.

"This is the ultimate in open-wheeled, short-track racing," stated David Deery, Director of Auto Racing at this historic quarter-mile NASCAR Winston Racing Series track. "The ISMA Super Modifieds put on an awesome display of speed and acceleration. Last time they visited Riverside Park, it was the fastest race our fans had ever seen!" The 700 horsepower, winged race cars will race 100 laps on August 21st.

The top finishers in three Legends classes — Pro, Semi Pro, and Masters — will advance with a guaranteed starting position in the Z-Max Legends Grand National Championships. The National Championships are held at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina in November.

Deery expects a big turnout and a great race for the vintage-bodied miniatures. "The Legends absolutely love racing here at Riverside, and their races are always close and competitive." August 21st will mark the first time Riverside Park has

hosted a Legends National Qualifier event.

With the ISMA racers in town, Riverside Park Speedway's NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modifieds will not be in action on August 21st. They are set to return on Saturday, August 28th, for the third leg of the Budweiser Triple Crown Series, along with the Pro Stocks, Trucks, and Sportsman.

The Pro 4 Modifieds were also scheduled to race on August 21st, but that 25-lap event has been rescheduled for Friday, October 15th, as part of Riverside Park Speedway's "Final Ride" weekend.

For more information about the August 21st "Open Wheel Spectacular," call (413) 786-9300 or visit www.riversideparkspeedway.com on the world wide web. To learn more about the TQ Midgets and the INEX Legends Series, visit www.atqmra.com or www.inexracing.com on the world wide web.

More upcoming events:

August 22nd - Thrills & Spills Series: New England's Inaugural Figure 8 Trailer Race.

August 28th - NASCAR Winston Racing Series: Budweiser Triple Crown Series - Modifieds and Pro Stocks 150 laps.

September 4th - NASCAR Featherlite Modified Series 200: Plus Pro Stocks, Trucks, and Sportsman.

September 11th - NASCAR Winston Racing Series: Championship Night - Final NASCAR Winston Racing Series Points Race.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN: Our "Back-To-School" edition will be published next Thursday, August 26th. Because of the size of this edition, the deadline for ALL articles is Monday, August 23rd, at 5:00 p.m.

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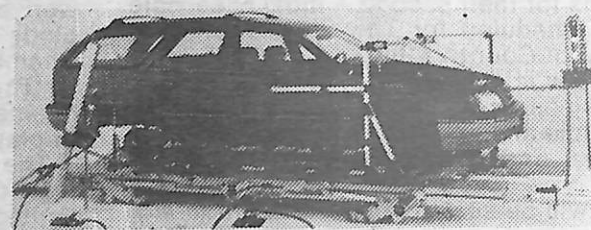
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Golf Tip Of The Week...

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Against The Wall...

Practice near a wall if you find that your swing is too "flat" — that is, you're taking the club back around your spine instead of up and over your shoulders, and you're hitting everything with a hook or at least a drastic draw.

Choose a spot where there is a wall close behind you, and address an imaginary ball. Take some practice swings. The idea here is to swing without hitting the wall. Pretty soon you'll groove the correct action again.

Several top players use this drill, the most notable being Sandy Lyle, winner of the 1985 British Open and the 1998 Masters. Lyle had a notoriously flat swing that he managed to get upright, but every time he slips back into bad habits, he heads for the nearest wall.

AHS Athletic Dept. Lists Important Dates

All potential student-athletes of Agawam High School **MUST** have a signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form to be eligible to try out for any of the fall teams.

A student-athlete may have his/her physical examination completed by his/her own doctor or they may have their physical examination done at the High School on the following dates:

MONDAY, AUGUST 23rd: 8:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity football; 9:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity boys' soccer; 10:00 a.m., boys' cross country; 10:15 a.m., golf; 10:30 a.m., varsity and junior varsity girls' soccer; 11:00 a.m., varsity and junior varsity field hockey; 11:30 a.m., girls' volleyball.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th: 8:30 a.m., freshmen football; 9:00 a.m., freshmen boys' soccer; 9:30 a.m., freshmen girls' soccer; 9:45 a.m., freshmen field hockey; 10:00 a.m., gymnastics; 10:15 a.m., girls' cross country.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27th: 8:00 a.m., make-up physicals for boys; 8:30 a.m., make-up physicals for girls.

PRACTICE SCHEDULES: August 23rd: **FOOTBALL ONLY** (8:00 a.m.); August 26th: **ALL Teams** (8:00 a.m.)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: September 2nd: Back to Sport Night, 7:00 p.m.; September 7th: Media Day (2:15 p.m.); September 8th, "Let the Games Begin"; October 2nd: 5th Annual Berkshire Power Golf Tournament to benefit the Agawam High School Athletic Dept., 8:00 a.m.

If you are in need of an M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form, they are available in both the Main Office and the Athletic Director's Office of Agawam High School. Summer hours are from 8:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m. (offices are closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. for lunch).

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

August 28th and 29th are the dates for the WICC Bluefish Open in Long Island Sound. That is big news this week for New England fishermen.

The largest bluefish weighed in is worth \$25,000 to the lucky fisherman that enters and wins the contest.

Because this is a derby that anyone can win and the prize money is so high, I will reprint the press release in its entirety.

See you at the weigh-in. I'll be the guy with the big bluefish and a bigger smile. Good luck and see you on the water.

GREATEST BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT ON EARTH

Date Set For WICC Greatest Bluefish
Tournament On Earth 1999

The 16th annual WICC Miller Buick Ford Nissan Greatest Bluefish Tournament on Earth is the weekend of August 28th-29th throughout the Long Island Sound. The tournament offers over \$45,000 in prizes, and this year's tournament has changes to support bluefish conservation.

This year's competition offers \$25,000 first prize for the heaviest bluefish, \$10,000 for second, \$3,000 for third, \$1,000 each for fourth and fifth, and \$200 each for the next 15 heaviest catches. A \$200 port prize for the heaviest fish is awarded at each weigh station.

The tournament has added two features - distribution of a Mustad circle hook to registrants and a minimum length limit of 28 inches for all bluefish eligible for prizes. The design of the circle hook increases the chance that fish can be effectively caught and released still alive.

New this year is the designation of September 11th-12th as an alternate weekend for the tournament if it is cancelled due to natural disaster (e.g., hurricane).

The tournament is one of the largest of its kind on the Long Island Sound. About 5,000 fishermen participated in 1998 when the tournament was won by New York City street cop James McSwigin of West Nyack, New York with a catch of 19.78 lbs.

For more information, contact Bluefish Director Jill Dotlo at 1-203-366-6000 or 1-203-366-BLUE.

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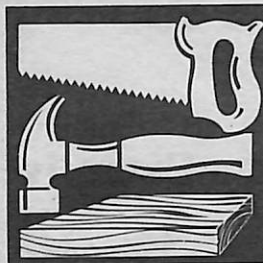
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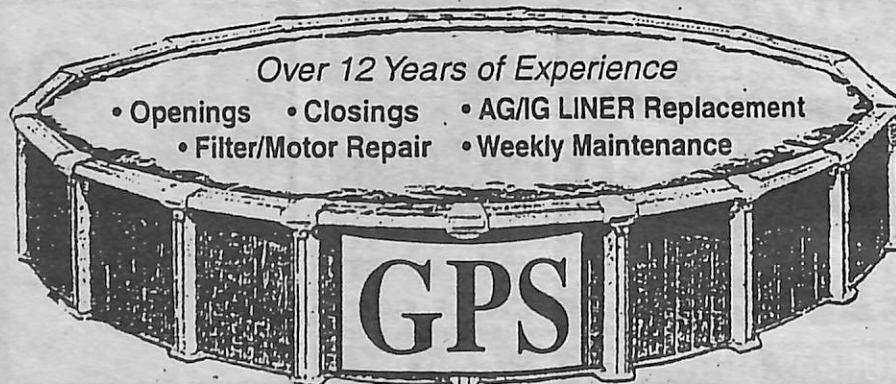
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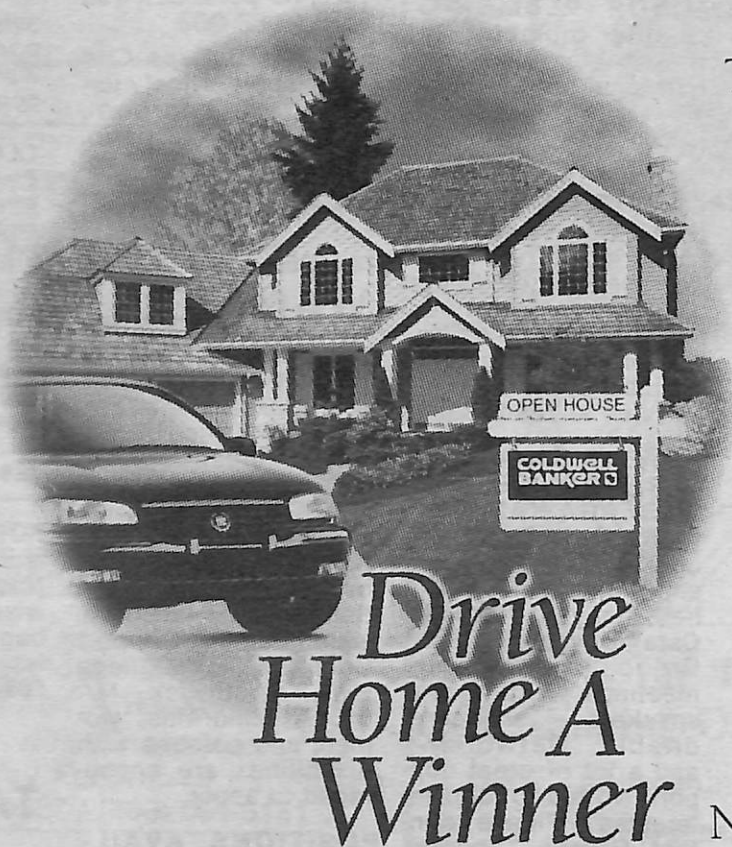
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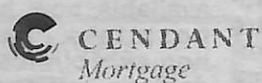
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